

Hampden Medical Group Patient Orientation

Welcome to Hampden Medical Group. We pride ourselves on providing the highest quality medical care for your whole family. We are glad you have chosen us. Please take a moment to review the following guidelines and policies to ensure that we can provide the best care possible.

- 1. Access to Care:** We will care for patients regardless of age, race, gender, creed, or religion. We are able to see patients by appointment only. Emergency conditions may need to be referred to an Urgent Care facility or to an Emergency Room. Office hours are 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:45pm-5:00pm Monday through Friday. After hours medical emergencies are handled by phone by one of our on-call physicians at 303-762-2899. This service is for medical emergencies only (not for prescription refill or non-emergent medical conditions). Because of time constraints, please be respectful of your allotted appointment; a typical appointment can only accommodate 1-2 medical issues. We ask that you arrive at our office 15 minutes before your scheduled appointment. If you arrive more than 5 minutes after the start time of your appointment you may be required to reschedule.
- 2. Prescription Refills:** If you have no remaining refills on your prescription, please contact your pharmacy. They will request authorization and fill the prescription if approved. They/we need approximately 3 business days in order to process these requests. Contacting us repeatedly will only delay the process. We are unable to write or refill a prescription if we have not seen you recently for the condition treated by the medication. Prescriptions are only refilled during regular office hours.
- 3. Insurance Coverage:** If we are participating physicians with your insurance plan, we will bill them for the care you receive. You are responsible for co-payments at the time of your appointment. If you cannot pay at the time of your visit, there will be a \$10 administrative fee for billing. *You must also present a valid insurance card at each visit.* If you are uninsured, we will see you on a fee-for-service basis, with minimum payment due at the time of the visit. Self-paying patients have the option to prepay at least \$75 for an office visit, and be billed for the remainder; or you may receive a 10% discount by making payment in full at the time of service. You are responsible for knowing which services are covered by your insurance. If we provide a service we feel is medically prudent which is a non-covered benefit, you are responsible for payment (e.g., certain plans do not cover routine physicals). We will provide the care we feel is medically prudent, and it is your responsibility to know what your insurance will or will not cover.
- 4. Appointment Cancellation:** If for any reason you are not able to make your scheduled appointment, we require 24 hours notification. This will allow us to fill your appointment slot with someone who may need care urgently. Otherwise you are considered a "no-show" for the appointment, and we reserve the right to charge you a "no-show" fee of \$100 for a missed Physical Exam, and \$75 for any other appointment type. After 3 "no-shows" we reserve the right to dismiss you from the Practice. We realize that emergencies and extenuating situations do come up, and we will take this into account individually, but wasted appointment slots hurt other patients as well as the Practice.
- 5. Privacy:** We comply with Federal regulations known as HIPAA. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the privacy of your Protected Health Information (PHI), please discuss them with your physician or our Office Manager. At any time, you may request a copy of our Health Information Practices policy. The policy is also available on our website.
- 6. Medical Records/Referrals:** Medical Records are the property of Hampden Medical Group, and we are required to keep the originals for 7 years after your last visit with us. We will provide you copies as needed; the first copy for free, subsequent copies at a cost. Before releasing any PHI, we must first have you sign a HIPAA-compliant authorization, which is available both in our office and on our website. We require 10-14 business days on medical records requests. If you are referred for specialty care, you must make us aware of the appointment time, date, and physician as soon as possible so that we have adequate time to clear the referral.
- 7. Past Due Accounts:** Your account will be considered past due if we have not received payment within 60 days of the balance becoming your responsibility. At such time, there will be a \$10 per month administrative fee to continue billing you. If payment is not received after 150 days, we reserve the right to turn your account over to an outside collection agency, and both you and your dependent family members may be dismissed from the Practice. If such action occurs, you will be responsible for any costs, fees, and interest accrued during the collection process. We understand financial hardships, so if you find yourself unable to pay your balance, we will be willing to make a mutually agreeable payment plan. Please contact our office to discuss rather than leaving a balance delinquent.

Again, we welcome you to the Practice. We will do our best to treat you with the kindness and respect you deserve, and deliver the best medical care to your family. If you have any questions regarding this or any other aspect of our relationship, please ask your Provider or our Office Manager.

I have reviewed and understand these policies for my family. (You may request a copy of this form)

Printed Name _____ Date _____ Signature _____