

East River Medical Anesthesiology, P.C.

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Dear Patient:

The anesthesiologists at Hospital for Special Surgery will play a vital role in your upcoming surgery - administering anesthesia to ensure your comfort and safety during your surgical procedure and entire hospital stay. After your surgery, an anesthesiologist with critical care expertise will care for you in the recovery room and, in addition, your surgeon may consult an anesthesiologist from our acute pain team to treat your post-surgical pain.

Similar to your surgeon's charges, the anesthesiologist's professional fees, including fees from the acute pain service, are not included in your hospital bill. While all of our anesthesiologists participate with Blue Cross Blue Shield, Aetna, Medicare, Medicaid, Workers Compensation and No-Fault, we recommend that you contact our billing company, Billing Services, Inc., (BSI) or your insurance carrier to confirm coverage under your particular plan. Even if we participate with your carrier, depending on the specifics of your plan, you may be responsible for payment of a co-pay, deductible, co-insurance or other balance. If we do not participate with your insurance carrier, please contact BSI or your carrier to confirm the extent of coverage under your plan. Please be reminded that if there is an outstanding balance after insurance has processed your claim, whether deductibles, co-pays, co-insurance, or for any other reason, you will be responsible for payment of this balance.

Regardless of your insurance carrier or our participation status with that carrier, after your surgery you will receive a bill for anesthesia services. BSI will also file this claim directly with your carrier. In some cases you may be asked to speak with your carrier to ensure that we are paid appropriately for our services. BSI will enable, and assist you in, this process. Finally, in the event that your insurance carrier sends you the check for anesthesia services, you are responsible for forwarding that payment to us.

If you have other questions about your anesthesia bill, please contact BSI toll-free at 1-888-877-3850 (Monday-Friday from 9am to 5pm).

With best wishes for your upcoming surgery,
East River Medical Anesthesiology, P.C.