



Dear Friends and Families,

We at 10th Street Pediatrics strive to provide your families with the highest quality pediatric care and have been honored with the trust you have placed in us in the care of your children. Since 1981 we have been a premiere practice on the Westside and want to continue to offer the highest level of care and attention to detail that our patients have come to expect.

As most of you know, health care delivery has been evolving over the past few years, since the Affordable Care Act was instituted and then changed. As successful as we have been over the years, we have not been immune to the changes in medical practices that have taken place throughout the country. We recognize that out-of-network reimbursements have become negligible for many of you in recent years.

Therefore, we are accepting **most Anthem Blue Cross PPO, Blue Shield PPO, Aetna PPO, Cigna PPO, and United PPO plans**. This will result in an immediate financial benefit to those of you who carry these PPOs since your out-of-pocket charges for checkups, sick visits, vaccinations and laboratory work will be significantly reduced.

However, we also know from our past experience participating in insurance plans that it is extremely difficult to provide the level of care you are accustomed to, since many of our services are outside the scope of coverage of the health insurance industry.

With this as a backdrop, we have decided to initiate an **Annual Administrative Fee** for our in-network patients to defray the cost of non-covered and non-reimbursable services that are not covered by contracted PPO plans.

The services included in our administrative fee are not limited to:

- Office hours 7 days per week, including Sundays and holidays. Additionally, extended evening hours Monday-Thursdays until 6 PM (or later, if necessary), which is helpful for many working families and provides exceptional continuity of care. Additionally, we always accommodate same day appointments for sick visits.
- One of our Board certified pediatricians is available by phone 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. We do not share night call with other pediatric practices. This minimizes your need to go to an emergency room or urgent care center.



Elizabeth Blotky, M.D. Caryn B. Cassidy, M.D. Marcella B. Hardart, M.D.

Lisa C. Stern, M.D. Carla V. Tardio, M.D. Jeffrey L. Wasson, M.D.

1450 10th Street Suite 304 Santa Monica, CA 90401-2838 Tel: (310) 458-1714 Fax: (310) 394-8754 www.tenthstped.com



- Telemedicine visits for simple, straightforward concerns which allows patients to get quality care without leaving their home.
- Home visits for check-ups or sick visits can be arranged for an additional fee. Vaccines can also be administered at home.
- A high ratio of office staff and nurses to health providers, which helps streamline your visit, minimize wait time in the office or excessive waiting time on the phone.
- Use of electronic medical records for the past 19 years with an excellent patient portal. This helps organize and expedite office visits, as we can send vaccine records, Eprescribe to pharmacies, and communicate with patients via portal messaging.
- Phone consultation for follow-up with our patients reducing or eliminating the need for return office visits. We are also able to review lab results over the phone.
- The convenience of in-office laboratory services including rapid tests for strep throat, influenza, RSV and Covid.
- Completing school, camp, sports participation and college forms at no additional cost.
- Writing letters to schools for housing or testing accommodations, airlines for missed trips due to illness, etc. to advocate for the needs of your child.

As we look to the future, we expect to continue to provide excellent, innovative pediatric care to your families during this transition in American medicine. Although not compulsory, we strongly recommend this fee for the reasons explained above.

Please feel free to reach our staff with any questions or concerns you may have.

Warmly,
The Doctors at Tenth Street Pediatrics

Elizabeth Blotky, M.D.
Caryn Cassidy, MD
Marcy Hardart, MD
Lisa Stern, MD
Carla Tardio, MD
Jeffrey Wasson, MD



Elizabeth Blotky, M.D. Caryn B. Cassidy, M.D. Marcella B. Hardart, M.D.

Lisa C. Stern, M.D. Carla V. Tardio, M.D. Jeffrey L. Wasson, M.D.

1450 10th Street Suite 304 Santa Monica, CA 90401-2838 Tel: (310) 458-1714 Fax: (310) 394-8754 www.tenthstped.com



TENTH STREET PEDIATRICS

Administrative fee agreement 2023

I agree to an administrative fee being charged. I understand this fee covers costs for items and services that may not be associated with medical services and are not reimbursed nor covered by my health insurance plan.

The cost of the annual administrative fee will be calculated using the age of the youngest child in the family as the “base” fee. Each additional child, regardless of age will be charged an additional \$200.00 fee. **To prevent the fee from becoming excessive we have put a cap of \$1,000.00 per family.**

Administrative Fee Template

Age	Fee
0-12 months	\$500.00
1-4 Years	\$425.00
5-11 Years	\$375.00
12-17 Years	\$250.00
18 + Years	\$200.00

First Example

Youngest child is 7 months old	=	\$500.00
Second child is 6 years old	=	\$200.00
Third child is 10 years old	=	\$200.00
Fourth child is 13 years old	=	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total:	=	\$1000.00

Second Example

Youngest child is 8 years old	=	\$375.00
Second child is 13 years old	=	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total:	=	\$575.00

Patient name(s) and age as of Jan 1, 2023

Printed Name (Parent)

Signature (Parent)

Date

Payment options:

You can pay online on our website by credit card, send in a check, or call in a credit card payment.



Elizabeth Blotky, M.D. Caryn B. Cassidy, M.D. Marcella B. Hardart, M.D.

Lisa C. Stern, M.D. Carla V. Tardio, M.D. Jeffrey L. Wasson, M.D.