

FORMULATED: 12/23/1988

SUBJECT: PHYSICIAN DISCOUNTS

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APPROVED BY:

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Scope: All Self Regional Healthcare patient care services.

Purpose: To establish guidelines for extending professional discounts to physicians, dentists and their immediate family members (defined as spouse and dependent children).

Policy: Self Regional Healthcare (SRH) will extend a professional courtesy discount of up to 20% of charges for patient care services rendered to physicians and dentist who are members of the SRH medical staff and to their immediate family members, provided that:

1. The physician, dentist or family member files a written request for the discount with the SRH administration office for approval by the President or CFO. Such approval will be granted if the provisions of this policy are met.
2. The patient is not a beneficiary of Medicare or other federal healthcare program.
3. The patient care services provided are routinely provided by SRH.
4. The arrangement does not violate the anti-kickback statute or other federal or state law or regulations governing billing or claims submission.

Procedure:

1. All routine billing processes will be followed (i.e., the claim is billed to the appropriate third-party payer).
2. The physician, dentist or family member or third party payer will be responsible for at least 80% of the charges. SRH will discount the patient portion, not to exceed 20% of charges per visit. The maximum limit of 20% of charges will include any contractual discount(s) to third party payers.
3. All co-pays or deductibles will be billed to the physician or family member.
4. The physician, dentist or family member must request the discount in writing as provided above.
5. If the discount involves the reduction of any coinsurance or deductible, the insurer will be informed in writing of the reduction.