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WELCOME TO ALLERGY PARTNERS OF NORTH TEXAS

Dear Patient:

We are looking forward to meeting you and addressing your health concerns. The initial visit involves a comprehensive evaluation focused on your major concerns about you or your child's condition. In addition to time spent with the physician, this visit may include allergy testing, lung function testing, laboratory testing and meeting with a nurse educator. ***The entire visit may take 2-3 hours.*** We will do everything possible to make the visit productive and informative. We ask that you adjust your schedule in order to gain all of the benefits of the visit.

Every effort will be made provide a provisional diagnosis and treatment plan during the first visit. In most cases, a follow-up visit is necessary to make a final diagnosis and fine tune the treatment plan. Please ask questions about anything that is not clear. Many people find it helpful to bring a written list of questions.

Total charges for initial evaluation typically range from \$250 - \$600, depending on the complexity of the problem and need for allergy testing, lung function testing or immunizations. Note that any laboratory tests or imaging studies ordered are billed separately by the provider of these services. You should consult with these facilities for estimated out-of-pocket expenses.

At this time, we are members of several HMO's and PPO's; please check with your insurance carrier to verify that we are participating providers. ***If we are not a participating provider and you receive a referral to see us from your primary care provider, that does not guarantee that we will receive full payment.***

As a courtesy, we will file your insurance claim. You will be responsible for the co-pay required by your insurance plan at the time of the visit. You are also responsible for payment of all non-covered charges. ***If you have not met your insurance deductible, you will be asked for full payment at the time of the visit.*** If there are questions about our fees, please call our office at (972) 566-7788.

Prior to your appointment you will receive two important communications from our office:

- 1. An email invitation to register for our patient portal. You should register on the portal and complete all new patient forms at least 24 hours prior to your visit.***
- 2. You will receive a telephone call from our automatic calling system 48 hours prior to your appointment. It is very important that we receive confirmation so that we will have enough time to make sure that all of your new patient forms are in order.***

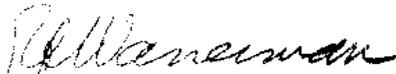
Finally, because we care for patients with severe food allergies, we respectfully request that, with the exception of infant formula, you do not bring food into our office. We are happy to provide you and your child with allergy safe snacks and drinks during your visit.

We understand that dealing with chronic illness is a difficult experience and we will do everything that we can to help. We are looking forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,



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