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Dear Patient,

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As many of you know, the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) pays for most of your children's medical visits here at the office. Due to the financial state of our health care system, some medical procedures and most administrative services are no longer insured by OHIP. Because these services are still provided by this office and require significant time and resources to administer, payment for these services have become the responsibility of either the patient themselves or the agency requesting the service. To address this issue we have had to introduce a reduced version of the Ontario Medical Association fee schedule for uninsured services and some changes to the office policy. For further details please review the uninsured services brochure included with this letter.

There are two ways by which you may wish to address these fees. Either as an annual fee or alternatively you may pay for each service on an individual basis. To provide peace of mind to you, and to assist us in minimizing administrative costs of billing each service individually, we ask that you consider paying an Annual Fee, often referred to as a "block fee", to cover uninsured services for one year. This method appears to be preferred by many of our families. The decision to enroll in the Annual Fee program will help to reduce the amount of time the office staff spends sending out individual invoices, and allows them more time to provide patient care for your children and for this we are grateful. It can also amount to substantial savings if unexpected needs arise over the year.

Annual Fees for the coverage period will be:	<b>\$ 110.</b>	<b>For an individual child</b>
	<b>\$ 185.</b>	<b>For a Family</b>

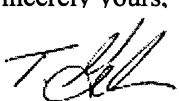
*The rates offered for the annual fee continue to be on par with what other doctors charge.* For your convenience we have added an electronic payment option this year. If you prefer to enrol in the annual fee online, please go to [www.doctorservices.ca/online-payment](http://www.doctorservices.ca/online-payment). You may also continue to submit payment for the Annual Fee using your credit card to Doctors Services by calling the toll free number indicated in this letter.

We are continuing to use DOCTORS SERVICES to administer this plan. Any questions, issues or correspondence regarding the plan should be directed to them by phone **416-447-3666** and NOT to our office. No matter what you decide regarding the Annual Fee Plan, please return the completed form in the enclosed postage paid return envelope. We would also appreciate you returning this form with your **email address** (space on last page of this letter) so that we can add it to your file.

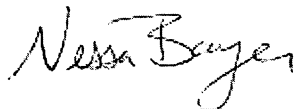
Our Annual Fee does not cover certain immunizations, legal letters or missed appointments, but it does cover many services which are not covered by OHIP but which are important in your children's health care management.

**In situations where charges would pose personal hardship, please speak to us personally.**

Sincerely yours,



Tara Gelman, MD



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## Uninsured Services Fee Guide

### The Following Uninsured Services ARE Covered by the Annual Fee Program

Prescription refills by phone or fax (Emergency short term refills at physicians discretion only) *	\$25	Notes/letters on behalf of patients (when appropriate and depending on work required)	\$25
Telephone advice Nurse: Doctor: (in emergency situations and only at physicians discretion)	\$15 \$30	Physical Examinations required by a third-party (will be reduced by \$50 if annual fee paid)	\$75 - 125
Cryotherapy Removal of Cosmetic Lesion***	\$75 \$50	Administration of Injections for travel purposes (per injection) eg: Twinrix	\$25
Lost Notes/Prescriptions	\$15	Uninsured vaccination injection fee	\$25
Wart Treatment***	\$30	Medical Supplies (splints, dressings, etc.)**	I.C.
Mask Therapy for Asthma	\$25		

### **Medical reports/forms**

Forms required for volunteers at nursing homes/hospitals	\$30	Employment Insurance / Maternity Certificate	\$25
Immunization Record Replacement	\$25	Day Care Notes for Medication	\$20
Forms required for commercial weight loss programs	\$30	Day Care Notes ( communicable disease )	\$20
Proof of Birth for Travel	\$25	School/Camp Physical Examination	\$60
Sick Note/Back to Work	\$20	School/Camp Form (excluding examination)	\$25
Note for Orthotics, Massage, Chiroprody	\$25	Photocopying & Faxing (Maximum 5 pages)	\$25
Private respite care form	\$40	Pre-employment form	\$30-\$50
Fitness Clubs Form	\$25	Travel cancellation insurance form (maximum 2 pages)	\$30-\$50
Federal Disability Tax credit and related forms	\$35	Certificate of health verification	\$30
Private Insurance sickness/disability form - per page***	\$32	TB skin test (3rd party request) 1 step: 2 step:	\$20 \$40
Citizenship and Immigration Report	\$100	Life Insurance Death Certificate	\$25

### **The Following Uninsured Services are NOT Covered by the Annual Fee Program**

Missed appointment (sick or follow-up)	\$ 30	Extensive Report/Insurance Forms	OMA Rate
Missed Physical appointment	\$ 60	Transfer of Medical Records**	I.C.
Missed Counselling appointment	\$ 60	Immunizations/Vaccines**	I.C.
Travel advice in the office (per person)	\$ 60	Legal Reports	OMA Rate
		Photocopying charts (patient requested) Pages 1-5 following pages/per page	\$40.00 \$1.50

\* Prescription renewals ordinarily require an office visit to re-assess the condition requiring the prescription. If you are unable to schedule an appointment to review your child's medication, we will charge for this service. Please anticipate your renewals, ask for renewals at each visit and bring your medications for your appointments.

\*\* Individual Consideration.

\*\*\* Limit of 3 per year covered by Annual Fee Plan.