

Dear Patient:

Thank you for choosing Orthopaedic Associates. Our doctors and staff are dedicated to providing compassionate, experienced care for your bone, joint, and muscle injuries and conditions. As part of our commitment to our patients, we wanted to inform you on how the provisions of the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") are beginning to impact our patients, our doctors, and Orthopaedic Associates as a business.

Though your insurance plan may have previously only required a co-pay, under the Affordable Care Act provisions, you may now be required to pay a higher deductible. As a result, this may require you to pay higher out-of-pocket expenses for your orthopaedic care.

As these changes take effect, our payment policies will remain the same. We will continue to request that all patients honor their payment responsibilities at their time of service. This includes services subject to deductibles and co-insurance as well as those not covered by your insurance plan.

Orthopaedic Associates has remained the leading orthopaedic practice in the region since 1980. We value you as a patient, and we will continue to provide you and your family with the exceptional orthopaedic care you need.

Should you find that you are unable to meet these new insurance requirements or if you would like to learn more about our payment policies, please contact our billing specialists at 850-863-2153.

Sincerely,

The Doctors and Staff of Orthopaedic Associates