

No Surprises Act Pricing Transparency

Provider requirements and resources <https://www.cms.gov/nosurprises/policies-and-resources/provider-requirements-and-resources>

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 established several new requirements for providers, facilities, and providers of air ambulance services to protect consumers from surprise medical bills. These requirements are collectively referred to as “No Surprises” rules. Among other things, these include prohibiting balance billing in certain circumstances and requiring disclosure about balance billing protections, requiring transparency around health care costs, providing consumer protections related to continuity of care, and establishing requirements related to provider directories.

These requirements generally apply to items and services provided to consumers enrolled in group health plans, group or individual health insurance coverage, and Federal Employees Health Benefits plans. The requirements for transparency of health care costs and the requirements related to the patient-provider dispute resolution process also apply to uninsured consumers.

Seattle Advanced Thyroid Health is an out of network facility. Visit dues are charged after the appointment with the card placed on file by the patient. A superbill is provided to patients to self submit their claims to insurance for reimbursements.

Patients have the right to request estimated visit charge ranges before their appointment after lab results, records, topics to cover are available. Charges are based on complexity and time. Most first and second consults range between \$456-\$496 per appointment. If a patient has an exceptionally complex or long (such as 120+ min overall time which includes review, face to face, treatment plan, and charting time), charges for any visit can range up to \$640-\$960. See below for most common appointment charges.

First Office/Phone/Video Consults (CPT commonly used 99205 and 99417): \$456-\$960. Charges may be less than \$456 if the case has less complexity and/or time.

Second Office/Phone/Video Consults (CPT commonly used 99215, 99214, and 99417): \$456-\$960. Charges may be less than \$456 if the case has less complexity and/or time.

Third Office/Phone/Video Consults or beyond third visit (CPT 99215, 99214, 99213, and 99417): \$80-\$496. This range includes the higher complexity cases. Ranges can vary, but most patients for brief to mid-range complexity are often between \$160-\$396.

EVisits (CPT 99199): \$75-\$496. Most Evisits are for brief, non-complex services and are often between \$75-\$200.

Labs and Supplements: If your insurance has lab facility (such as LabCorp or Quest) coverage for orders by an out of network Naturopath, the lab will bill your insurance. Please consult with your lab or insurance for coverage details.

If you do not have insurance coverage and need to use Seattle Advanced Thyroid Health's prepaid lab service, we will provide you an estimate and require your approval before giving you the lab order. These prepaid lab orders start from \$20 including the venipuncture. A comprehensive lab order for a prepaid test often ranges between \$600-\$2000 with the prepaid service. A less comprehensive recheck order often ranges between \$100-\$350 with the prepaid service.

Patients without insurance coverage has the right to go to their local lab and pay the lab their non-insurance rate. The staff will go over your options at your visit.

For supplements, you can order directly through Fullscript's website. If you need the office to place a drop ship order from one of our vendors, we will get your authorization for the total, unless you already provided the authorization at the time of order. We will charge the card on file and send you the receipt.

Missed or Late Cancellation Appointments: Missed or appointments cancelled less than 2 business days, are subject to a fee up to \$480. If a patient runs more than 10 minutes late, this may be considered a late cancellation and be subject to the missed appointment fee.