Church Road Medical Practice Non-NHS Fee's Charges

CERTIFICATES

Private sick note £20

Private prescription for travel (eg Malaria tablets) £20

Fitness to travel certificate £35

Health questionnaires for private gyms and clubs £35

Firearms Certificate £45

Vaccination certificate £20

To Whom It May Concern letter / extenuating circumstance £30

Signature only on a claim form £15

REPORTS WITHOUT EXAMINATION

Holiday cancellation report £35

Sickness/accident report £35

OFSTED/CQC report £95

Blue Badge (report only) £30 with examination £45

Report for employers (no examination) £70

Report for employers (with examination) £120

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS WITH REPORTS

All medical examinations (HGV/LGV/Taxi) £130

Private ECG for medical report £65

Private blood test for medical report £25

Power of Attorney / capacity assessment with report £200

Power of Attorney / capacity assessment with report as Home Visit £250

Witnessing Power of Attorney £65

Fitness to travel/exercise/sport/school/university £35

Insurance/Solicitors
GP Report no examination £100
Letter providing further clarification to original report £60
GP Report with examination £120
Medical Records
Patient request for copy of medical records (SARS) – No Charge
Company Request for medical records £50

Information on charges for private (non NHS) work

Why do GP's charge fees?
Yours questions answered…

Isn't the NHS supposed to be free?
The National Health Services provides most health care to most people free of charge, but there are exceptions: prescription charges have existed since 1951 and there are a number of other services for which fees are charged. Sometimes the charge is made to cover some cost of treatment, for example, dental fees; in other cases, it is because the service is not covered by the NHS, for example medical reports to insurance companies.

Surely the doctor is being paid anyway?
It is important to understand that GP's are not employed by the NHS, they are self- employed and they have to cover their costs – staff, building heating, lighting etc in the same way as any small business. The NHS covers these costs for NHS work, but for non – NHS work the fee has to cover the doctor's costs.

What is covered by the NHS and what is not?
The Government's contract with GP's covers medical services to NHS patients. In recent years, more and more organisations have been involving doctors in a whole range of non-medical work. Sometimes the only reason that GP's are asked because they are in a position of trust in the community or because an insurance company or employer want to be sure that information provided is true and accurate.
Examples of non NHS services for which GP's can charge their NHS patients are:-
- Accident/sickness insurance certificates
- Private medical insurance reports

Examples of non NHS services for which GP's can charge other institutions are:-
- Medical reports for an insurance company
- Some reports for the Benefits Agency/DWP
- Examinations of local authority employees

Why does it sometimes take my GP a long time to complete my form?
Time spent completing forms and preparing reports takes the GP away from the medical care of his or her patients. Most GP's have a very heavy workload – the majority work up to 70 hours a week and paperwork takes up an increasing amount of their time.

I only need the doctor's signature – what's the problem?
When a doctor signs a certificate or completes a report, it is a condition of remaining on the Medical Register that they only sign what they know to be true. In order to complete even the simplest of forms, therefore the doctor might have to check the patient's entire medical record. Carelessness or an inaccurate report can have serious consequences for the doctor with the General Medical Council or even the police.

What will I be charged?
The BMA recommends that GPs tell patients in advance if they will be charged. It is up to the individual doctor to decide how much to charge. We have a list of fees displayed on our noticeboard on the waiting room walls.