

Why make your patients pay more to pay less?

Patient Options DMCO

STAY LEGAL, STAY COMPLIANT

What is Patient Options?

Patient Options is a discount care organization that allows patients access to medical care at reduced fees. Its network of Providers are legally able to offer their self-pay patients a discount. **Patients join for free and receive discounted care from network providers.**

How do patients receive a discount under Patient Options?

Patients receive a discount based on the providers' registration with Patient Options. This solves a potential problem of arbitrary discounting of fees that some states or some insurance companies frown on. There is **no fee for the patient to join**. Patient Options lessens the financial burden on patients to get care, assists providers with acquiring new patients, and provides a safe harbor for financial compliance.

Do patients have to show participation status prior to getting care?

No. The doctor who is a contracted provider with Patient Options would have a signed patient participation agreement in the patient's file as well as a copy on file in the Patient Options database. As long as the patient is enrolled and the doctor is a network provider, they are good to go!

Is Patient Options health insurance?

Patient Options **is not health insurance** as construed under the Affordable Care Act, but it is a discount care organization designed to benefit providers and patients alike.

Can Patient Options be used in conjunction with health insurance?

While patients can be a participant of Patient Options and a health insurance plan, they should not be used together for the same service provided. Your provider may choose to give a discount for non-covered services

How much does it cost patients to join Patient Options?

Zero! We think it is important that providers nurture relationships with patients, not create unnecessary and costly hoops to jump through to receive care. In simple terms, providers and patients alike hate having patients "pay more to pay less" as in typical discount medical plans.

Will the patients' privacy be protected?

Yes. Patient privacy is very important to us, as it should be, and we abide by all privacy laws and regulations.

Is there a charge for patients to join Patient Options like traditional DMPOs?

No. That is what makes us unique - we do not charge patients a fee to enroll.

Can I use my Patient Options fees schedule to pay for coinsurances or copays or deductibles?

No. The fee schedule as a Patient Options participant should only be used for "self-pay" patients and not for any specific service billed to insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid.

If I have Medicare, can I participate in Patient Options discounted fee for maintenance care

since Medicare will not pay for maintenance care?

Yes. You may get discounts for services/procedures not covered by Medicare.

How often do patients have to reenroll as member in Patient Options ?

Patient enrollment is good for 12 months from the date they sign the form and are entered in the Patient Options online database. They are re-enrolled, for free, for successive 12-month period(s) after expiration.

If patients have Medicare, can they still join Patient Options ?

Yes.

Why should a I join Patient Options ?

Patient enrollment is **FREE**, and a mean for you to save money on services that may otherwise cost you more money with a non-network provider.

Who can use Patient options?

General Practitioners - Chiropractors - Medical doctors - Dentists - Physical Therapists - Massage Therapists - Podiatrists - Osteopaths - Naturopaths - Surgeons - Urologist - Rheumatologists - Radiologists - Psychiatrists - Podiatrists - Plastic Surgeons - Physiologists - Pediatricians - ENT Specialists - Orthopedic Surgeons - Oncologists - Obstetricians - Neurosurgeons - Neurologists - Neonatologists - Microbiologists - Internal Medicine Specialists - Gynecologists - Endocrinologists - Dermatologists - Cardiologists - Anesthesiologists - Allergists - Audiologists.