

Often when receiving medical services at a healthcare facility, there is confusion as to how the billing process works. Below is some additional information that we hope will assist you in better understanding the process here at NorthStar Surgical Center:

Facility fee: Depending on the circumstances, either you or your insurance company will be billed a facility fee for your procedure. This is the NorthStar fee.

Surgeon fee: Depending on the circumstances, either you or your insurance company will be billed a separate surgeon or professional fee for your procedure. This is the fee for the doctor that actually performed your case.

Anesthesiologist fee: Usually an anesthesiologist will be involved in your procedure to put you to sleep. When this is the case, either you or your insurance company will be billed a separate anesthesiologist fee for your procedure. This is the fee for that anesthesiologist.

Pathologist fee: With certain types of surgeries such as gastroenterology procedures, the surgeon will take a biopsy from you to be sent to a physician called a pathologist for interpretation. When this is the case, either you or your insurance company will be billed a separate pathologist fee for the interpretation of your biopsy.

Laboratory charges: Some surgeons require that a patient have specific laboratory tests pre-surgically to confirm that you are healthy enough for surgery. When this is the case, either you or your insurance company will be billed a separate laboratory fee for these pre-surgical tests.

Deductibles and co-payments: Depending on your insurance carrier and specific plan, a deductible and/or co-payment may be applicable. If it is determined that deductibles and/or co-payments are part of your health plan, NorthStar will notify you of your financial obligations prior to your surgery date so that you can make on or before the date of your surgery.

We hope that you find this information useful in better understanding the particulars of the various fees associated with your surgery. If you still have questions, please feel free to call us at 806.761.4880.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your healthcare provider.