

a guide to your

# Hospital Bill

## Important Numbers

Monday – Friday  
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Financial Counselors  
(504) 349-1282

Patient Financial Services  
(Billing)  
(504) 349-1282

## EMERGENCY TREATMENT

Patients are entitled to receive an emergency medical screening (triage) and stabilization without respect to insurance or ability to pay. Payment arrangements will only be discussed after emergency medical screening has been provided.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Financial assistance is available to patients who are unable to pay for their medical services. Patients must meet certain requirements to be eligible for the following Financial Assistance Programs:

- Medicaid
- SSI
- Charity Care.

At no charge, financial counselors are available to help you with applying for Financial Assistance. Patients seeking assistance must complete an application. For an updated list of required documents as well as additional information related to our Financial Assistance Program, please visit our web page at [www.WJMC.org/financialassistance](http://www.WJMC.org/financialassistance)

## LCMC accepts most forms of insurance.

These include Medicare, Medicaid, Workers' Compensation, certain Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO) and Preferred Provider Organizations (PPO) plans, as well as most other health insurances. All claims will be submitted, on your behalf, to your insurance company. However, we rely on you for the following:

1. Please provide your most current insurance card and photo identification.
2. It is essential for you to know if your insurance requires pre-certification in order for payment to be made for your services. If pre-certification is required, please inform your physician immediately so there will be no delays in processing your registration.
3. Please help us protect you from having your insurance claim denied for failure to pre-certify. Failure to pre-certify additional days may result in reduced benefits or denial of your insurance claim, and you may become responsible for payment of the bill.
4. Please be prepared to pay your co-payment or your portion of the hospital bill at the time of registration.

Thank you for selecting  
West Jefferson Medical  
Center for your healthcare  
needs. Please take a moment  
to review this important  
information about your hospital  
bill. This will help you better  
understand how your bill  
will be handled.

5. If you are uninsured, please inquire immediately about our Financial Assistance Program and/or contact a financial counselor.

## About Your Bill

1. Your bill includes charges for services provided by the hospital and are based on your individual health care needs.
2. There are no lump sum charges for any particular service. All charges are itemized and are based on supplies, medication and services provided to you. Every patient's medical condition is different, and care is provided to meet your needs.
3. We understand that health care bills may be confusing. For assistance in understanding your bill, please call **Patient Financial Services at (504) 349-1282.**

## Other Bills You May Receive

The bill you receive from West Jefferson Medical Center only contains charges for services provided by the hospital. Many doctors who provide services at West Jefferson Medical Center may not be an employee of West Jefferson Medical Center. These may include your treating doctor, radiologist, anesthesiologist, pathologist, cardiologist or neurologist. Professional fees charged by these doctors for services provided to you will be billed separate and apart from the fees charged by the hospital.

## Payment Options

LCMC accepts the following:

- Cash, personal or traveler's check
- Visa, MasterCard or Discover
- Approved West Jefferson Medical Center Payment Plan.

You may pay your bill in any of the following ways:

- Online at [www.wjmc.org/OnlinePayment/](http://www.wjmc.org/OnlinePayment/)
- In person by visiting with one of our Financial Counselors
- By calling one of the Financial Counselors
- Mail your payment to:  
West Jefferson Medical Center  
P.O. Box 919266  
Dallas, TX 7531-9266