



Mahala/Jeffrey Merkle MD Billing and Payment Policy

- Insurance. We participate with most major insurance plans. Knowing what benefits your insurance plan provides for you is your responsibility. Please contact your insurance company with any questions. IF WE PARTICIPATE WITH YOUR INSURANCE CARRIER all services provided in our office (unless otherwise indicated) will be submitted to your insurance. All co-payments are due at time of service. Deductibles and coinsurance are your responsibility and will be billed to you by our office. When calling to confirm whether we are in network, you should ask for "Primary Care Partners" (not Mahala).
- Proof of Insurance. All patients must complete our intake forms before seeing the IBCLC.
 It is your responsibility to verify that the office staff has the most current and correct
 information regarding your health insurance policy. Failure to provide current information
 may result in non-coverage for services provided, and the resulting charges will be your
 responsibility.
- 3. **Claims Submission.** We submit claims on behalf of our patients. Your explanation of benefits (EOB) will list services from Jeffrey Merkle, MD, or Primary Care Partners. Below is a sample of what your EOB will look like:



- 4. A lactation consultation typically consists of an exam and a plan of care for **both mother and baby.** When mother and baby are both treated in one visit, both parties will be billed for the services. You may receive two separate EOBs for these services.
- Missed Appointments or failure to cancel your appointment within 24 hours of your scheduled visit may result in a fee of \$50.00.

***I certify that I have read and understand the above policies.	
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