



SUBCUTANEOUS ALLERGEN IMMUNOTHERAPY INFORMATION

Allergy immunotherapy is a service that is covered by insurance companies but the cost will vary depending upon your individual plan. There may be some out-of-pocket expense for you if your plan has a deductible, copay, or coinsurance, so please check with your insurance company to verify benefits. In addition, some insurance companies limit the amount of serum you can receive in a calendar year which can rarely be more than you medically require. In those circumstances, charges will be patient responsibility. Our front desk staff can assist you with determining benefits or coverage but any assistance would be an estimate only and not a guarantee of payment.

SERUM:

1. Each new set contains 5 vials and should last about nine months, on a once a week schedule. The front desk staff can provide you with a breakdown of serum cost. Serum is billed per unit and one new set of serum contains 26 units in build-up and 12 units of your first maintenance vial.
2. Each refill will last approximately 3 months, on a once a week schedule. A refill is 12 units of serum.
3. The serum is mixed for the individual. Therefore, when you sign the permission/consent for immunotherapy you are accepting the responsibility for paying for the serum, whether or not you go through with the treatment
4. It is your responsibility to make sure you have proper referrals for needed treatments and be aware of when long-term referrals expire.
5. When discussing serum with your insurance carrier, the CPT 95165 is used.

SHOTS:

1. Allergy shots are a separate charge from the serum. This is billed on a weekly basis.
2. If you receive your shots from this office, the charges will be as follows:
1 shot - \$54.00 (95115) 2 or more - \$61.00 (95117)
3. You are responsible for checking in with the front desk prior to your injection and paying your copay at each shot appointment. If your child is over 16 and comes alone, he/she MUST carry a form of payment with them.
4. You have the option of having your injections administered in another office (PCP, Pediatrician, local Urgent care). Please note: serum must be paid in full before it may be carried out of the office. When re-ordering and picking up serum refills, shot records must be brought to our office. We will not administer shots or release serum without up to date shot records.

PROCEDURE:

1. Shots will be given by appointment only.
2. Please be sure to sign up for your shots on the schedule provided at the front desk and come in as close as possible to that time. This prevents a long wait and allows us to notify you of any change in the shot hours. Shots begin and end promptly at the times below. We are VERY strict about start and stop times. Please do not argue with the front desk or nurse if shots are over for the day and you have missed your appointment. We cannot make any exceptions.

Haymarket Shot Hours:
Monday 9:00-11:45 & 1:30-5:00
Tuesday 8:00 – 11:45 & 1:30-4:45
Wednesday 8:00-11:45 & 2:00-5:00
Thursday 9:00-11:45 & 2:00-5:45

3. When you arrive for your shot, please sign in on the sign-in pad near the front desk.
4. Patients are required to wait 20 minutes after their injection to monitor for a reaction. Please keep track of your own 20 minutes and return to the shot room to have your arms checked prior to leaving. You MUST return to have your arms checked, this requirement is for your safety.
5. At your first appointment, you will receive a prescription for an EpiPen and training on its use. All shot patients are required to carry an EpiPen on shot day.