

## **Obstetrical Fees and Information**

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to explain the fees that you will incur at our office during your pregnancy.

You will have two types of charges: global and non-global. These charges are for the doctor's office only. The hospital will bill you separately.

### **Global Charges**

A single global charge includes:

- A beginning of pregnancy visit with the nurse or physician
- Routine pregnancy visits (approximately 14)
- Delivery: vaginal or cesarean
- Routine postpartum exam at approximately 6 weeks after your delivery

This global fee will be filed to your insurance company after your delivery. We will obtain an estimate from your insurance company as to what your portion of this global fee will be. This estimate will be due by your twenty-sixth week of pregnancy. You can make payments each time you come in or pay a lump sum by the twenty-sixth week. Keep in mind that this estimate is not a guarantee of total payment. The insurance company determines final payment when the services are billed. Your global prepayment will be held on your account until after delivery. If an additional balance is due, the bill will be sent after the insurance processes. If you have overpaid and you do not have any balances within GHS University Medical Group practices, the refund will be processed after the insurance company pays.

### **Non-Global Charges**

Any visits that are not routine pregnancy visits are not included in the global charge; they are non-global. Non-global charges also include, but are not limited to, all ultrasounds, labs and additional testing that you have. All non-global charges will be filed to your insurance when you have the service. Any copayment will be required at each visit as applicable. Any additional amount due after the insurance has processed will be due at the next appointment following insurance processing.

It is very important that you inform our front desk of any insurance changes that occur during your pregnancy. We need this information when you check in at the first visit your new insurance is in effect. Having the information in a timely manner will help us to make sure all labs are processed at the correct laboratory as well as to verify your new global benefits.

Any disability or Family Medical Leave Act forms left with us for completion require a 7-day turn around.