

Client Fees and Payment Policies of Emerald City Naturopathic Clinic, Inc., P.S.

We plan for your experience at Emerald City Naturopathic Clinic to be an excellent one. To further that goal, we want you to be fully informed about our fees and payment policies. Full payment for all charges is required at the time of service. In special circumstances, the doctor may arrange differently. Emerald City Naturopathic Clinic bills only for PIP accident claims and L&I claims, see section 7. If you have other insurance coverage and you wish to submit a bill to request reimbursement for services received here, please ask for a **superbill** from the doctor during each visit. These can also be provided for you at a later date at a charge of \$3.00 each.

We accept payment by check, cash, MasterCard, Visa or American Express. Checks or credit card payments that are denied for lack of funds will incur a fee of \$35.00. Slight fee increases occur in September of each year to accommodate increases in expenses. **We reserve the right to make changes in our fees and/or policies without advance notice.** We are committed to providing quality economical health care. Thank you for selecting Emerald City Clinic for your health needs.

1. **First Office Call:** Variable: \$308.00
Fee scale applies also to first visits by phone; additional charges for supplement mailings may occur. This First Office Call price also applies to those patients who return for a visit after more than two years of absence. ****Dr. Molly Niedermeyer only accepts new clients with a professional referral and cost is \$358 for her initial visit. All other Emerald City Clinic physicians are accepting new patients at the above listed rate.****
2. **Return Office Call:** Variable: \$188.00
Visits that extend past 30 minutes will be charged for an extended office call.
3. **Extended Return Office Call:** Variable: \$248.00 minimum charge
Extended Return Office Call for Dr. Niedermeyer \$298.00 minimum charge
4. **Phone/ Email Consultations:** Variable: \$78.00 minimum charge
PIP and L&I insurance do not cover this expense—this fee is your responsibility. Phone or email consultations are provided for established clients only under special circumstances determined by the physician. The minimum fee is charged for any phone consultation up to 15 minutes and for email responses where a single reply suffices. Phone consultations that extend beyond 15 minutes will incur a greater charge. **We strongly suggest phone consultations occur while you are at home—not while you are driving in your car.** This fee is not charged in the following cases: when you require clarification of on-going therapy and when the doctor has asked you to call. However, email consultations that require multiple communications will incur additional charges. If there is any question about this service you are welcome to ask in your call or your email inquiry.
5. **Emergency Pager:** \$78.00
PIP and L&I insurance do not cover this expense—this fee is your responsibility. In cases of medical emergency, the doctor is available 24 hours a day by emergency pager.
6. **Cancellation Charge:** **We require 24 hours notice received during our normal business hours for canceled or rescheduled visits, or a charge will be billed to you.** PIP and L&I insurance does not cover this charge; it is your responsibility. There is no charge for visits canceled with 24 hours notice. Half the cost of the scheduled visit will be charged for cancellations with less than 24 hours notice. Full fee is charged if no notice is received.

7. **Insurance: All charges incurred at our office are your responsibility, regardless of insurance coverage. You are responsible to know your coverage.** In the event that your PIP coverage does not fully cover service received at ECN, you are responsible for payment. PIP coverage generally does not cover medications. These must be paid by you at the time of purchase. ECN accepts L&I payments as payment in full for a claim that has been authorized by the Department of Labor and Industries. If payment is denied because we were not informed by you at the outset of treatment that the health condition is due to a work injury, you will be responsible for payment of all charges for service received.
8. **Purchase & Return of Pharmacy Items: All pharmacy items must be paid for at the time of purchase.** Credit on account will be given for unopened items in perfect condition if returned within 30 days. After 30 days, the pharmacy item can be returned with a 15% re-shelving fee *if unexpired*. Expired products can be donated to the clinic, but no credit will be given. Injectables, injection supplies, products packaged in the clinic, and birth control devices cannot be returned.
9. **Mailing of Pharmacy Items:** We will mail you items for which you have pre-paid, including a handling fee of \$5.00 plus postage. Unfortunately, we cannot be responsible for your reception of these items. **No refund can be made, or unpaid replacement sent, if the items fail to reach you. Mailings can take up to a week to send out, so please plan ahead.**
10. **Other Services:** There are numerous other services that Emerald City Clinic offers. Please refer to our website at www.emeraldcityclinic.com for descriptions and prices, or contact our front desk at 206-781-2206.
11. **Interest Fee:** If, for any reason, payment in full is not received at the time of service, an interest charge of 1% will be charged after 30 days of non-payment. This charge will accrue each month until the patient no longer carries a balance. If a phone, email consultation, or pager fee was not paid at the time of service, there will be no interest if balance is paid prior to 30 days. Pre-arranged payment plans will accrue interest on unpaid balances.
12. **Normal Business Hours:**

Monday -- Thursday:	9:00 AM—12:00 PM & 2:00 PM—5:00 PM
Friday:	9:00 AM—12:00 PM (scheduled appointments)
	2:00 PM— 5:00 PM (pharmacy sales & scheduling only)
Every 3rd Saturday:	9AM—NOON (call for exact dates)

Our phone message will alert you to any change in our hours, and provide you with emergency contact numbers. Urgent messages left during our stated business hours for the day will be responded to within that day if we are able to reach you or your phone machine. If you have not received a reply to a message, and your need for assistance becomes urgent, you may choose to page the doctor and pay the pager fee.

I agree to make payment according to the policies of Emerald City Naturopathic Clinic. I understand that payment is due in full at the time of service. By receiving a service at Emerald City Naturopathic Clinic I am agreeing to pay for that service even if my insurance company denies payment. I give permission for the release of information requested by my insurance company to assist in processing my insurance claims.

Patient Name (Please Print)

Signature of Patient **or** Guardian of Depend

Date