



THE VAZ CLINIC, PA.
URGENT CARE
TVC CLINICAL RESEARCH

Mon - Fri. & Holidays 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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TVC FINANCIAL POLICY

Medical Services Billing: If TVC is in-network with your insurance carrier(s) we will file charges directly to your insurance(s). You are responsible for payment of any allowable patient balance at time of service. If we know at the time of service that there is a possibility that a charge for tests or procedures are not paid by your insurance carrier you will be asked to sign a release form (ABN) acknowledging your responsibility for payment of these services.

ALL PAYMENTS ARE DUE AT THE TIME OF SERVICE: This practice has a legal obligation to the insurance companies that we are contracted with to collect co-payments, co-insurance and deductibles at time of service. Patients are charged 10% of their account balance if the requested balance is not paid in full at time of service. Once a balance reaches 90 days old without payment, it may be transferred to a third party for further collections or other actions. Payment due at time of service includes: ★

Copays- Copay amounts are usually listed on the front of your card. We also verify your insurance benefits for correct payment amounts.

Deductible and Coinsurance- If your insurance has deductibles and coinsurance for services provided, you are required to pay the estimated deductible and coinsurance.

Self-Pay Visits- You must pay a deposit in advance of \$280 and pay for any additional services at check-out.

Cancellations/No Shows- If you do not call in advance of at least 24 hours prior to your appointment time, it is considered a "No Show". Patients are charged a \$35.00 fee for 3 (three) "No Shows" plus \$15.00 for EACH ADDITIONAL "No Show". Worker's Compensation patients will be personally responsible for this amount.

Auto Accidents- If you are an auto accident patient you will be responsible for paying the full balance the day of the visit. We will give you a summary of your charges so that you can submit to the auto-insurance company. We cannot bill insurance for this type of service.

Worker's Compensation- If you are being seen under a Workers Compensation claim you must have a completed injury form from your employer and/or have Dr. Vaz listed as the PCP for authorization, prior to being seen for your worker's compensation related visit. We cannot bill your regular insurance work-related claims.

Routine Physicals and Preventative Services-Some insurances have limitations on the dollar amount of service. You will be responsible for any owed amounts at the time of service.

DOT Physicals-We are no longer performing this service.

Indemnity Plans- We do not accept indemnity plans in which we are not in network. For those indemnity plans we are in-network, we require that you pay the full balance the day of the visit.

HRA/HAS Accounts- We expect payment at the time of service. We cannot wait for a HRA/HSA account to pay on claims as they do not guarantee payment. We will reimburse you, or apply the credit to your account, for any amounts paid by your HRA/HSA after you already paid at the time of service.

Patients in Third Party Collections- Patients with unpaid balances in third party collections can be terminated as patients with TVC and will be required to pay the outstanding balance in full before they can be seen as active patients of TVC.



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- Patients are charged a \$35 collection fee if their account balance qualifies for third party collections.

Non-Sufficient Funds- Patients are charged a \$35 fee if their payment processes as non-sufficient funds.

Child Visits- A parent or legal guardian must accompany minor patients on all office visits. This accompanying adult is responsible for payment on the account.

_____ **Patient Initials (acknowledging)**

Charges in Advance-

You are welcome to ask about our fees before the visit, but many fees are determined by the complexity of the patient’s problem and the amount of time spent with the doctor. Therefore, we may not be able to state the exact amount of charges in advance. In addition to the “up-front” fees there may be a balanced owed, which you will pay at the time of check out. In the event that there is an over-collection we can apply the credit to your account or issue a refund.

AFTER HOURS FEES and OUTSIDE OF REGULAR WORKING HOURS FEES

The following fees will be asked to be paid upfront.

- Self-pay patients are charged \$30.00
- Patients with insurance are charged an amount depended from the insurance carrier
- Patients with Medicare or Medicaid have no charge per insurance

The Vaz Clinic Hours

8am-12pm Mon.-Fri.
 1pm-5pm Mon.-Fri.

Vaz Urgent Care Clinic Hours

8am-8pm Mon.-Fri.

I have read, understand and agree to the above Financial Policy.

I hereby assign TVC the right to bill and receive payment from my health insurances and third-party payers. I authorize TVC to release healthcare information to the necessary parties to obtain payment from my health insurance company for my healthcare, to conduct utilization review, peer review and quality assurance and to other healthcare providers that will assist with my care.

 Printed Patient Name

 Patient/Guardian Signature

 Date