

Ban Health Care Facility Fees!

Health Care For All New York: Building Quality, Affordable Health Care for ALL New Yorkers



Same Doctor, More Money

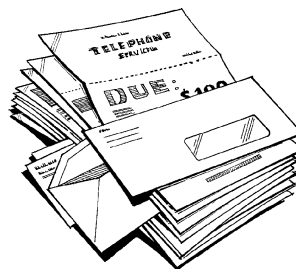
You go to the same doctor every year – but suddenly the doctor’s bill is bigger. Much bigger. Nothing has changed except that a hospital system has bought your doctor’s practice and now tacks on a “facility fee.”

The Money-for-Nothing Fee

- A facility fee is not a charge for an actual health care service. As of now, it is a legal way for the hospital that bought your doctor’s office or clinic to add the hospital’s overhead cost to your doctor’s bill.
- Health insurance often will not pay these facility fees, leaving the patient stuck with the bill. Uninsured patients are always stuck with facility fee bills.
- Patients should only be charged for actual medical care, not vague overhead fees.

Judy’s Story

Judy, a 63-year old New Yorker with private insurance, gets medical care at an outpatient clinic with doctors she knows and trusts. Usually she pays a co-pay of \$40. Recently, she has been charged an extra \$80 “facility fee” for each visit. Judy wants to keep seeing her same doctors but doesn’t know how she will be able to pay an extra \$80 fee for each visit on top of her co-pay.



Help Fight Facility Fees!

1. Ask your state representatives to support the bill—or thank them for their current bill! Check out the online action center at <https://www.cssny.org/campaigns/entry/end-medical-debt>.
2. Share your story. If you’ve been charged a facility fee, please let us know. Contact dzheng@communitycatalyst.org or call 212-870-2010.

Tell New York Lawmakers: Ban Health Care Facility Fees!

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