

COPAYMENT, COINSURANCE, AND DEDUCTIBLE

Orthopedic Institute, PLLC (“Orthopedic Institute”) is legally and contractually required to collect your copayment, coinsurance, and/or deductible, as applicable, at the time services are provided.

Various federal and state laws govern the Orthopedic Institute’s interactions with beneficiaries of federal healthcare programs. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”) is the federal agency responsible for overseeing Medicare and Medicaid. CMS has mandated that all physicians, facilities, and all other healthcare providers must collect the copayment, coinsurance, and/or deductible, as applicable, for each patient encounter. The Office of the Inspector General (“OIG”) is tasked with enforcing CMS’s mandate

Physicians, facilities, and all other healthcare providers, including but not limited to Orthopedic Institute, who do not collect the copayment, coinsurance, and/or deductible, as applicable, for each patient encounter, may face civil and/or criminal prosecution for fraudulent billing under federal and state law. Additionally, private insurance carriers can pursue prosecution and/or civil complaints against physicians, facilities, and all other healthcare providers who fail to collect the patient’s copayment, coinsurance, and/or deductible, as applicable, at the time services are rendered.