

WCA HOSPITAL
FINANCE POLICY

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SUBJECT

Out of Network Disclosure Policy

I. PURPOSE

This policy applies to WCA Hospital (WCA) and its employed and contracted physicians billed under Federal Tax ID # 16-0743226. This policy provides patients with the necessary information required under Section 24 of the Public Law in New York State.

II. POLICY

WCA Hospital will provide patients with additional instructions in advance of non-emergency hospital services through registration or admission materials. The essential components of these materials include:

- a statement advising the patient to check with the physician arranging the hospital services to determine the following:
- name, practice name, mailing address and telephone number of any other physician whose services will be arranged by the physician [PHL § 24(7)(a)(i)] ; and
- whether it is anticipated that physicians who are employed or contracted by the hospital are reasonably anticipated to provide services to the patient (including anesthesiology, pathology and/or radiology) [PHL § 24(7)(a)(ii)].
- based on information from the physician arranging the patient's hospital services, information on how a patient or prospective patient can timely determine the health care plans participated in by physicians who are employed or contracted by the hospital and who are reasonably anticipated to provide services to the patient (including anesthesiology, pathology and/or radiology) [PHL § 24(7)(b)].

WCA Hospital makes available a list of most common charges to the public on its website at <http://www.wcahospital.org/commoncharges.php> Information is also available by visiting the WCA Customer Service Department located on the second floor of the hospital or by calling 716-664-8188.

Additional guidance and information related to the Emergency Medical Services and Surprise Bill Law is posted on the websites of the New York State Department of Health (www.health.ny.gov) and Department of Financial Services (www.dfs.ny.gov). If you have any questions, contact the Division of Hospitals and Diagnostic & Treatment Centers at (518) 402-1004.