



NEW FEES, BILLING AND ACCOUNTS GUIDELINE

In the last few months, the Practice Advisor noticed a trend in fee-related questions from members. Specifically, there were questions about whether members can offer discounts to specific groups of patients, like seniors, students, or the military. The Practice Advisor consulted with legal counsel, who recommended that the College develop a Standard to clarify fee-related obligations for the membership, similar to what other colleges have in place. The Executive Council considered the advice and recommended the matter to the Standards and Guidelines Committee. The S&G Committee reviewed a draft standard developed with the assistance of legal counsel. The S&G Committee approved the standard, which was then forwarded to Council and approved at the October 28 meeting.

The new Fee, Billing and Accounts Guideline provides the membership with clear guidance concerning fees, including how members can provide discounts to their patients with specific provisions. Members are advised to review and implement the Guideline, with particular attention to the requirement to post a written fee schedule.

If you have questions about the new guideline, the Practice Advisor can be reached at:
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[Review the Fees, Billing and Accounts Guideline](#)