Santa Monica Primary Care

To Our Patients:

As you know if you have ever checked into a hotel or rented a car, the first thing you are asked for is a credit card, which is imprinted and later used to pay your bill. This is an advantage for both you and the hotel or rental company, since it makes checkout easier, faster, and more efficient.

We have implemented a similar policy. You will be asked for a credit card at the time you check in and the information will be held securely. When your portion of the bill is determined (following a review of your copay, co-insurance, and deductible) we will charge your card and a copy of the receipt will be emailed to you. **Balances under $100 are charged to your card on file; for balances over $100, we will call you to notify you of the payment amount 48 hours prior to charging your card. Please use this notification time to call us if you have any questions.**

This will be an advantage to you, since you will no longer have to write out and mail us checks. It will be an advantage to us as well, since it will greatly decrease the number of statements that we have to generate and send out. The combination will benefit everybody in helping to keep the cost of health care down.

This in no way will compromise your ability to dispute a charge or question your insurance company's determination of payment.

If you have any questions about this payment method, do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Bretsky and the Staff at Santa Monica Primary Care

***Authorization***

I authorize Santa Monica Primary Care, CA to charge the patient responsible balances on my account to the following credit card:

Circle one: Visa MasterCard Discover

Last 4 digits of my credit card: _____ Exp. Date (mm/yy): _____

*Please hand your credit card to the Receptionist when you check in. She will enter your card information into the secure credit card processing website. Thank you.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Email, if you would like an email receipt (optional): _____