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We, at the Chiari Institute, welcome patients from all over the world with all different types of insurance plans. However, our neurosurgical team is out of network, and our neurological team varies as to the different plans they participate in.

As a new patient to the Chiari Institute we require all patients with an HMO plan to pay an upfront fee of \$1250.00 for their initial visit if neither physician's participate. In the event that the neurologist participates, you will only have to pay the \$550.00 upfront for the neurosurgical consultation, but may owe any uncovered balance later. All non-participating follow ups will be \$350 upfront. We will provide you with a fully documented bill for remittance to your insurance carrier.

Please note that after our team completes their full medical assessment and a surgical recommendation is rendered, we do not guarantee a surgical spot on the calendar. A further discussion with our team of financial advisors must take place. We will provide a full estimate of all surgical charges, and related costs. We will also furnish alternative financial planning options and suggestions for surgical costs.

Please do not hesitate to call the office with any further questions.

Respectfully yours,

The Chiari Institute