

ALLERGY TESTING & TREATMENT INSURANCE GUIDE

Parkview Medical Clinic requires that patients seeking allergy testing and treatment contact their insurance company so they understand what is/is not covered by their insurance and understand what the patient's financial responsibility may be.

ALLERGY TESTING

The code typically billed to insurance for allergy testing is 95004 and the cost is around \$720.00 to have the test performed. Discuss with insurance if they cover this code on your current plan. We also recommend you specifically ask them if any of this will apply to your deductible so you do not have any surprises.

ALLERGY SERUM

Allergy serum injections are typically a weekly commitment for around 4 years. You would need to come to Parkview Medical Clinic on a weekly basis to have this administered by one of our nurses, unless your doctor indicates a different treatment plan. In addition, you would need to see your doctor at least yearly to monitor the progress you are making.

The code typically billed to insurance for the weekly serum is 95165 plus an administration charge. You may need 1 or 2 injections depending on your skin test results. If you need 1 injection, the cost is around \$800 for the serum charge. If you need 2 injections, the cost is around \$1600 for the serum charge. Please keep in mind that this serum lasts around 6-12 months depending on how far along you are in your treatment plan.

Most insurances cover this, but you should discuss with your insurance if they cover this code on your current plan. As with allergy testing, we recommend you specifically ask them if any of this will apply to your deductible so you do not have any surprises. If you move forward with serum injection treatment and your insurance plan or coverage changes, you will need to contact your insurance company again to re-verify that your new plan covers the injections you are receiving.

The allergy serum we use comes directly from Allervision. Allervision tailors this serum specifically to you based on your skin test results. Due to FDA regulations and the process Allervision must follow to make the serum, it takes around 5-6 weeks for serum to arrive.

ALLERGY DROPS

Allergy drops are a convenient option so you do not have to come in for a weekly shot. However, insurance plans do not cover this so you would have out of pocket expense if you opt for allergy drops.

Allergy drops usually arrive within a week and you can get a 3 month or 1 year supply. The allergy drops cost around \$100 a month which would be billed directly to you by Parkview Medical Clinic (not to insurance). If you have an HSA plan, you should be able to utilize this to help cover the cost of the drops. We can have these drops shipped to your home or you may pick them up at the clinic when they arrive.

Patients need to be on allergy drops for around 4 years, seeing your doctor at least yearly to monitor the progress you are making.