

Surgical In-Office Procedures

- **May go towards deductible**

Please be aware that certain procedures performed in our office are not included in the standard office visit. These procedures will be billed separately and in addition to the office visit charges. We have become aware that some insurance carriers are classifying these procedures as “surgery” and applying the charges to your calendar year deductible. The result may be insurance payment for an office visit but NOT a procedure. In such cases, payment for the procedure will be due from the patient. Be assured that we are following accepted billing and coding guidelines.

The physicians of PDX ENT & Audiology Medical Group only perform these procedures when deemed medically necessary to best diagnose and treat our patients. If you are presenting with a sinus or throat/voice complaint, there is a good chance the surgeon will need to perform one of these procedures.

Examples of in-office procedures include:

- **CPT-31575 Flexible Laryngoscopy**
This procedure involves passing a long thin flexible fiber-optic scope through the nasal cavity and into the throat. The fiber-optic scope enables the physician to visualize areas of the throat not readily seen by using laryngeal mirrors.
- **CPT-31231 Nasal Endoscopy**
This procedure uses the flexible or rigid scope attached to a light source to view areas of the nasal cavities that cannot be viewed by the physician using the standard nasal speculum and head mirror.
- **CPT-31237 Nasal Endoscopy with Debridement or Biopsy**
This is the same procedure as above with removal of crusting or tissue.
- **CPT-92511 Flexible Nasopharyngoscopy**
This involves examining both the tissues of the nasal passages and the pharynx and larynx.

Please speak with the Administrator, Medical Assistant or front desk if you would like to know what your carrier allows for these procedures prior to their completion.

Patient Name (please print) _____

Patient/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____