ALLERGY INJECTION/SERUM PROCESS & BILLING

Procedure Codes:

- **95165 – Allergy Serum**
  Typical Initial expense (Between 68 to 102 doses depending on your personal recipe and how many vials are needed) $24 per dose (currently, based upon 2 vials of serum, initial expense of build-up immunotherapy vials will generally cost $1,632)

    - These doses (#1-6 vials) will get you through the build-up process, which typically lasts 4-6 months

    - With some insurance plans we are unable to bill for all doses/build up vials on one insurance claim. Depending on your insurance, and the amount of allergy serum that is made for you, it may be required to divide the billing of your vials/doses incrementally over a period of up to 3 months. However, all build up vials/doses required are made for you at one time when immunotherapy is started, and you will be responsible for the cost of all necessary vials/doses should you choose to discontinue your injections.

    - Please note: If you have a high deductible plan, much of this cost may go to your deductible unless it has been met for the year.

- Maintenance Vials pricing will depend on your personal dose and duration
  Ex: If you are in 2 vials and maintain at 0.50, your vial cost will be $480 every time you order (unless price is adjusted due to increased cost of serum from our suppliers)

- **95115 or 95117 – Allergy Injections**
    - Injections
        - $21 for one injection per visit
        - $26 for two injections per visit
            - Inititially, when in the build-up process, injections are 1-2 times weekly as tolerated, then every two weeks once maintenance level is reached
            - When building in #1 vials, only once a week
- ***These are approximate associated costs, and may vary based on patient's needs/allergies & what your insurance plan pays.**

- **J30.1** – Typical Diagnosis code for injections/serum

- Call your insurance to verify coverage

- We offer 15% discount for uninsured/cash-pay patients, or if claim is not submitted to insurance

Expiration of Vials:

- Vials 4-6 expire in 6 months
- Vials 1-3 expire in 1 year
- **Once a maintenance level is reached, allergy serum will be made and billed, based on each patient's individual dose, when serum runs out or expires.**

- Improvement in your symptoms will not be immediate. It usually requires 3-6 months before relief of allergy symptoms is noted, and it may take 6-12 months for full benefits to be evident.

- Injections typically are given once or twice a week while the dose is being increased. It usually takes 3-6 months to reach a maintenance dose based on that.

- If your demographics will not allow you to build at least once every two weeks at one of our 3 locations, you will need to check with your primary doctor to see if they will administer shots for you. If you anticipate that build up and regular injections cannot be maintained, immunotherapy should not be initiated.

- If you will be getting your shots outside of our office, you will need to carry an EpiPen with you to your shot appointments in case of anaphylactic reaction.

- It is helpful to take an antihistamine one hour prior to your injections to help reduce both local and systemic reactions to your injections.

- Patients receiving immunotherapy injections will need to wait in the office 30 minutes following each injection for observation.

- You cannot take part in any strenuous physical activity for at least 2 hours following your injections, as this could increase your risk of developing an allergic reaction.

- Your injections should not be given if you are ill.

- If you are on Beta Blocker medications, you must hold taking it the day of your injections, as they are contraindicated while on immunotherapy.