PROCEDURES IN OFFICE

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 office visit charges. We have become aware that some insurance carrier 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 providers of Enticare PC only perform these procedures when deemed medically necessary to best diagnose and treat our patients. If you are presenting with a sinus, throat/voice complaint, symptoms of allergies, or hearing loss there is a good chance the provider will need to perform one or more of the following procedures.

Examples of in-office procedures include but are not limited to:

- **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 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.

- **CPT-95004 Allergy Test**
  This procedure is an Allergy test that can help confirm or rule out allergies and consequently reduce adverse reactions and limit unnecessary avoidance and medications.

- **CPT 92567- Tympanometry**
- **CPT 92557- Audiometry**
- **CPT 92588- Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE)**
  These are the codes used for audiology services. Tympanometry is used to tell the pressure of the ear drums. Audiometry and OAE is considered a basic hearing test, it is used to tell if hearing is normal.

Please contact your insurance provider to verify benefits and coverage information prior to having any services rendered.