



Family Center by The Falls

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Family Center by the Falls 2024 Good Faith Estimate (GFE) of your Out-of-Pocket Treatment Costs Information for Established Patients

Dear Parent,

As a result of the recently enacted “No Surprises Act,” the Federal government has imposed a new requirement on psychiatrists to provide a good faith estimate (GFE) of potential out of pocket costs of treatment. Beginning January 1, 2022, psychiatrists and other health care practitioners are required to give new and established patients who are uninsured, or self-pay, or patients who are shopping for care, a good faith estimate of costs for services that they provide. These rules do NOT apply for patients who have health insurance and plan to submit claims to their insurance company.

If my child requires ongoing/follow-up care:

Most patients seen for follow-up in our practice will have received one or more appropriate diagnoses along with recommendations for ongoing treatment that may include individual and/or family counseling or therapy, group therapy, educational supports/interventions, psychoeducational testing and, in some instances, medication management.

If counseling/therapy and/or additional psychoeducational evaluation is recommended and your child doesn't have an established relationship with a psychologist, therapist or counselor, Dr. Grcevich will make recommendations to you for where you might access those services outside of this practice. The cost of care obtained outside of our practice is not covered under this Good Faith Estimate and may vary widely based upon the services provided and whether those services are provided by an individual or group contracted with your insurance company.

Dr. Grcevich provides ongoing evaluation and management services for patients who may require prescription medication or are failing to progress in meeting their treatment goals with non-medical services. The charges for these services are typically based upon the time spent in delivering the service. Components included calculating the charge for service on a given day include...

- Time spent reviewing medical or other treatment records, test results, school records or parent correspondence while preparing to see the patient and/or parents and guardians.
- Time spent with the patient and/or parents and caregivers during the scheduled appointment performing medically appropriate evaluation and/or examination, independently interpreting test results and communicating results to the patient and/or parents and caregivers
- Time spent in counseling and educating the patient and/or their parents and caregivers
- Time spent in referring to and coordinating care with other health care professionals, schools, agencies, and service providers involved in the child's care.
- Time spent in documenting clinical information in the electronic or other health record

Although response to psychiatric treatment is highly variable and dependent on many factors beyond Dr. Grcevich's control, the law nevertheless obliges our practice to make a “Good Faith

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Estimate” of the cost of your child’s treatment over the next twelve months. Our fee schedule for ongoing evaluation and management is as follows:

99212	Typical appointment < 15 minutes	\$150.00.
99213 (99347 in-home)	Typical appointment: 15-24 minutes	\$240.00
99214 (99348 in-home)	Typical appointment: 25-54 minutes	\$295.00
99215 (99349 in-home)	Typical appointment: 55-75 minutes	\$350.00

Family therapy with/without patient is billed at same rates used for individual follow-up.

In addition to the charges for follow-up appointments, families may incur additional charges for the following services.

No show, late cancel: 50% of customary appointment charge

Prescriptions requested outside of scheduled follow-up visits, or reissued because medication is out of stock and the pharmacy refuses to forward the prescription to another pharmacy within their chain: \$50.00 for first prescription, \$10 for each additional prescription.

Travel time to home or school visits more than 30 minutes from Dr. Grcevich’s home: 50% of Dr. Grcevich’s current hourly rate (\$350.00)

90882: **School visits/team meetings:** 50% of Dr. Grcevich’s current hourly rate (\$375.00)

90885: **Record Review** (\$93.75 minimum + \$93.75/15 minutes)

90889: **Report Writing** (\$93.75 minimum + \$93.75/15 minutes)

Phone/Zoom Calls (billing codes 99442, 99443) FREE for calls under 10 minutes, \$50.00 for calls of 11-20 minutes, \$100.00 for calls over 21 minutes in length.

E-mail (billing code 99444): free for responses requiring under 10 minutes, \$50.00 for responses requiring 11-20 minutes, \$100.00 for responses requiring more than 21 minutes.

This fee schedule is current as of January 1, 2024.

Good Faith Estimate of Treatment Costs

Since families are entitled under the new law to seek dispute resolution through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services if the cost of their child’s treatment exceeds the good faith estimate by more than \$400 in a twelve-month period, our **Good Faith Estimate for the upper limit of the potential cost for treatment offered through our practice over a twelve-month period is \$4,700.** That dollar amount represents 200% of the largest sum of money any family paid our practice (\$2,350) for any individual child’s psychiatric care in 2023 and 22% less than in 2022.

In the spirit of the law, the anticipated cost of treatment for most families will be substantially less than the Good Faith Estimate. Provided below are statistics describing the service utilization of Dr. Grcevich’s patients in 2023. These statistics are intended to assist families in calculating a realistic range of treatment costs for their child over a twelve-month period:

Follow-up appointments are based on time spent, as described above in our fee schedule. This list shows the frequency with which each follow-up billing code was used in 2023 and the corresponding charge in 2024:

99213/99347/90846	\$240.00	6.9%
99214/99348/90846/90847	\$295.00	83.5%
99215/99349/90846	\$375.00	8.3%

Average number of appointments per patient in 2023: 3.17

Average cost of treatment per patient in 2023, including all added charges/fees: \$892.81.

Percentage of patients requiring substantially more follow-up than average (2023):

8 appointments	0.49%
7 appointments	3.40%
6 appointments	3.88%
5 appointments	11.65%
4 appointments or less	82.03%

Disclaimers:

This Good Faith Estimate shows the costs of items and services that are reasonably expected for your health care needs for an item or service. The estimate is based on information known at the time the estimate was created. The Good Faith Estimate does not include any unknown or unexpected costs that may arise during treatment. You could be charged more if complications or special circumstances occur. If this happens, federal law allows you to dispute (appeal) the bill. If you are billed for more than this Good Faith Estimate, you have the right to dispute the bill. You may contact the health care provider or facility listed to let them know the billed charges are higher than the Good Faith Estimate. You can ask them to update the bill to match the Good Faith Estimate, ask to negotiate the bill, or ask if there is financial assistance available. You may also start a dispute resolution process with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). If you choose to use the dispute resolution process, you must start the dispute process within 120 calendar days (about 4 months) of the date on the original bill. There is a \$25 fee to use the dispute process. If the agency reviewing your dispute agrees with you, you will have to pay the price on this Good Faith Estimate. If the agency disagrees with you and agrees with the health care provider or facility, you will have to pay the higher amount.

Dr. Grcevich's NPI (National Provider Identification number) is 1861613259.

The tax identification number for Family Center by the Falls is 34-1782312

Sincerely,

Stephen Grcevich, MD
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry