

Nurse Visits - Clinic



Ortonville Area Health Services

All clinic staff work together as a team to coordinate your care and provide the best service, quality, and cost to you.

Each of you has a team of doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, health coaches, nurses and office staff who work with you to help give you the most appropriate level of care you need at a reasonable cost. As health care costs continue to climb, clinics are required to find ways to manage costs while still providing patients with access to necessary health care. The role of the nurse or health coach is to work with you and to collaborate with your primary care doctor, nurse practitioner or physician assistant.

Patients who have established care with a primary care provider may have a clinic nurse visit scheduled. A nurse visit may be provided in the clinic when a patient has a minor concern or follow up that needs to be addressed.

A clinic nurse is licensed to do an assessment, review your medications, take your vital signs, provide education and will communicate with your provider. Your provider will still be directing your care.

The charge of a nurse visit is **\$35.00**.

Common reasons when a nurse visit could be provided and charged to you:

- Blood pressure check with concerns.
- When a patient on allergy injection therapy may require additional nursing cares because of wheezing, rash, swelling and possible provider directed dosage changes to medications.
- When an established patient inquires with a new or concerning minor change in health status. Such as new bruising, urinary symptoms, or sore throat or minor cough.
- Anti-coagulation(Coumadin) patient who has nurse assessment done, vitals signs taken, patient examined for bruising or other problems, protime test is obtained, physician advised of results, considerations given to medication dosage and changes, and nurse education is provided.
- Additional education or touch base visit as directed by your provider on your medical problem such as asthma, diabetes, and/or depression.

Appointment

Please phone Centralized Scheduling at **320-839-4274** for scheduling questions.

What to Bring

Please arrive 15 min. early to register and bring the following items with you to your appointment:

- Your medications
- Insurance Cards
- Co-pays due
- Adult to Supervise Young Children