

## Payment Guidelines for Non-Insured Clients

The Vaughan Community Health Centre (VCHC) has very limited funds for covering costs of the health care needs of clients without health cards (non-insured clients).

### The VCHC will pay for:

- Appointments with Physicians, Nurse Practitioners and Allied Health Professionals at VCHC.
- Referrals to specialists, at OHIP rates, that are made by our clinical staff.
- Lab tests and diagnostic tests, at OHIP rates, that are ordered by our clinical staff.

### The VCHC will not pay for:

- Additional appointments to specialists or referrals made by the specialists unless they have been pre-approved by the VCHC.
- Emergency care at hospitals or walk-in clinics.
- Lab tests and diagnostic test that are not ordered by our clinical staff.
- Facility Fees - Hospital stays as well as any additional fees charged by the hospital that are not covered by OHIP, for example telephone or TV rental costs or any other non-OHIP charges.

**FOR PRENATAL CLIENTS:**

**a) The VCHC will pay for:**

1. The fees associated with only one pregnancy.
2. We will refer all non-complicated pregnancies to a midwife.
3. We will refer all complicated pregnancies to an obstetrician and cover their OHIP fees for appointments that we have arranged. In addition, we pay for delivery fees.
  - We will only pay for a cesarean section and anesthetist when clinically indicated by the obstetrician.
  - An obstetrician will be seen for the six week postpartum appointment and then the client will return to their VCHC GP or NP for the rest of their care, unless there are complications and another appointment with the obstetrician is needed.
4. Necessary lab and diagnostic tests that our clinical staff has ordered.
5. Necessary lab and diagnostic tests ordered by the midwife or obstetrician that have been pre-approved by the VCHC.

**b) The VCHC will not pay for:**

- Obstetrician fees the client has arranged on their own.
- Lab and diagnostic tests that have not been arranged by our clinical staff or pre-approved by the VCHC.

- Cost of administration (insertion, maintenance, doctor's fee) of Epidural anesthesia during delivery.
- Any additional costs charged by the hospital.
- A second pregnancy while under care at the VCHC.

Please note, if you make a payment for any of the health care needs mentioned above, this payment cannot be reimbursed by the VCHC. Also, once the VCHC uninsured financial resources are spent for the current fiscal year, we will not be able to pay for specialist fees or lab and diagnostic test.

If you have questions or concerns, please ask to speak to the VCHC, Medical Secretary Team Lead, Fatima Teixeira, before signing the document.

This document has been explained to me and I understand and accept the content.

Client's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_