## Timberlane Allergy & Asthma Associates, PC Allergy Injection Information Sheet

We recommend that you contact your insurance company before beginning allergy immunotherapy to be sure you know your financial responsibilities. Your insurance company is the best source in answering your specific questions regarding benefits, referrals and prior authorizations. Many plans will say it is a "covered" service, but you will want to be sure to ask about your out of pocket expenses (including, but not limited to: Copayments, deductibles and coinsurances). Also remember many plans have deductibles and coinsurances that start over at the beginning of the year (some part way through), so be sure to ask about this as well.

Once the consent form is signed, vials will be mixed and you/your insurance will be charged.

If your insurance requires referrals you will be responsible for obtaining the referrals from your primary care physician. Those with TriCare Prime will need their primary care physicians office to send the referral to TriCare, and then TriCare will send approval to us.

If at any time you know your insurance is going to change please be sure to contact us, so we can be sure you're all set when you come in for your next injection, allergy injection vial mixing.

Below is a list of the codes we use when billing for allergy immunotherapy. If you receive your injections in another physician's office you should check with them regarding their billing procedures for injections. You will, however, be billed by our office for for the allergy vaccine regardless of where you receive injections.

When we bill for allergy injections we do not bill for an office visit. We bill using the codes below. <u>ALL copayments/deductibles/coinsurances for injections must be paid on the day of the injection. You may also set up auto-pay with the Business Office.</u>

One allergy injection: 95115, cost before insurance \$26.50 (subject to change at any time)

Two or more allergy injections: 95117, cost before insurance \$35.00 (subject to change at any time)

Allergy vaccine vial mixings are prepared specifically for each patient. The code used for allergy vial mixings is 95165.

One vial 95165 - 30 units - Cost before insurance \$630.00 (subject to change at any time).

If you have more than one vial being mixed you would multiply the number of vials by the amount (\$592.50 before insurance). The number of units can also vary (never more than 30 units per vial) as you proceed to reach maintenance therapy.

As the maintenance vial in the series is depleted, a new one will be made to replenish your supply. New vial mixings will continue to be prepared, as needed, through the course of your therapy.

On average the first set of vials last between 3-6 months, or until you reach maintenance. If you miss an injection appointment, have an adverse reaction, or other unforeseen issues, the vials may not last as long. After you are maintenance the "average" vial will last you 6-8 months, again presuming you do not miss an injection appointment, have an adverse reaction, or other unforeseen issues.

Patients on **VENOM INJECTIONS** will be be billed for vials under the following codes listed below.

- 95145 Cost before insurance is \$46.00 (this is subject to change at anytime)
- 95146 Cost before insurance is \$51.00 (this is subject to change at anytime)
- 95147 Cost before insurance is \$60.75 (this is subject to change at anytime)
- 95148 Cost before insurance is \$72.26 (this is subject to change at anytime)
- 95149 Cost before insurance is \$86.25 (this is subject to change at anytime)

The cost is dependent on the number of doses in the vial. Typically for initial vial mixings you would multiply the amount above by 6, as usually initial vial mixings for venom therapy contains 6 units.

Vaccines are mixed in our office on Thursdays.

If you are planning to receive your injections at another office, please be sure to check with that office to be sure they will administer your injection. Also please inform our lab prior to making this change to allow them plenty of time to gather needed information and prepare your vials for you to take with you.

- \*Patients on immunotherapy need to have an Epi-Pen with them on the day of injection
- \*Patient should routinely take an antihistamine the day of an injection.
- \*Patients are required to stay in the office 30 minute after each injection.
- \*Incase of inclement weather, we ask that you call before coming in for injections to be sure our office is open.

ALL IMMUNOTHERAPY INJECTIONS MUST BE SCHEDULED! WE DO NOT ALLOW WALK-INS AT THIS TIME, NO EXCEPTIONS! PLEASE BE SURE TO BE ON TIME AND SIGN-IN, BEING LATE MAY RESULT IN YOU NEEDING TO RESCHEDULE YOUR INJECTION APPOINTMENT!

## **INJECTION HOURS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY - NO WALK-INS:**

MONDAY - 8:00AM - 3:45PM TUESDAY - 8:00AM - 3:45PM WEDNESDAY - 8:00AM-3:45PM THURSDAY - 8:00AM - 4:45PM

## **OUR OFFICE IS CLOSED AND DOES NOT OFFER INJECTIONS ON FRIDAYS.**

Please feel free to speak with someone in the Business Office, or Lab if you have any further questions, or concerns.