

Insurance Coverage and Fees for Consultation Care at MilkWorks

If you have a breastfeeding concern, we encourage you to schedule an appointment for a consultation with one of our **International Board-Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLCs)** OR our **Breastfeeding Medicine Specialist, Dr. Kathy Leeper, or our nurse practitioner, Michelle Lingenfelter**. An Initial appointment lasts approximately 60-90 minutes. All medical supplies used during a consult, including (when indicated) the short-term use of a Medical Need (Hospital Grade) rental pump, are included as part of your consultation. Follow-up appointments last approximately 45-60 minutes. Drop in or scheduled weight checks may also be part of your care. ***We encourage you to be seen until your baby is feeding well and you are comfortable with breastfeeding.***

If you are seen for a consultation with one of our IBCLCs:

- **Private Insurance** plans are required to provide breastfeeding help under Women's Preventive Services. We encourage you to contact YOUR insurance plan to verify coverage. (*Coverage is for a mother, not a baby.*) As a preventive service, breastfeeding support should not be subject to a deductible or a co-pay. **If your insurance plan covers breastfeeding help and we are an in-network provider for your plan, we will file directly with your plan (preventive procedure code 99404).** While we are not able to guarantee coverage of our services by your insurance plan, if you do not have coverage, we can offer you an **Out-of-Pocket** discounted consultation fee (*see information below under NO Insurance Coverage.*), OR if your baby has Nebraska Medicaid insurance, we will file with your baby's Medicaid plan.
- **Nebraska Medicaid Insurance** covers lactation counseling services with an RN/IBCLC for **Nebraska Medicaid eligible infants**. There is a limit of five counseling sessions. We encourage you to seek a consultation when your baby is less than 4 weeks old, as demand may limit availability of services.

If you are seen for a consultation with Dr. Kathy Leeper, our Breastfeeding Medicine Specialist, or Michelle Lingenfelter, APRN, our nurse practitioner:

- If you have **Nebraska Medicaid**, there will not be any cost to you for your visit.
- Both providers are **in-network** with **all major private insurance plans**. We recommend that you contact your private insurance company to verify coverage of their services. Provide full names: Kathryn Leeper, MD, and NPI# 1770564759, or Michelle Lingenfelter NPI # 1275510232.
- They will most often bill for the mother or baby with this procedure code: 99205-33, so specifically ask about this. The -33 modifier is to alert them that there should be NO out of pocket costs to you. The Affordable Care Act mandates that mothers receive assistance related to lactation at NO out-of-pocket cost to you, but all plans do not always honor this law. If they refuse to honor this, we would recommend you appeal.

If you have NO Insurance Coverage, and must pay out of pocket:

- If you are seeing one of the IBCLCs, we provide an **Out-of-Pocket**, discounted consultation fee of \$125 for your initial appointment, \$75 for your 1st follow up, \$50 for your 2nd follow up and \$25 for your 3rd follow up. We do not file for insurance reimbursement under this option, and we will ask for payment at the time of each appointment. ***Please note:*** if your baby has Nebraska Medicaid Insurance, we will file with your baby's Medicaid plan.
- If you are seeing Dr Leeper or Michelle for a medical issue, we provide an **Out-of-Pocket**, 20% discounted consultation fee. So, your 60-90 min first visit would be \$284- and 45-60-minute follow-up visits would be \$200. Payment plans are welcome.

Our goal is to help you breastfeed your baby. We do not want financial concerns to keep you from obtaining the help that you need. Please feel free to discuss fees with our front desk staff at any time.