



Sclerotherapy

Sclerotherapy is an office procedure to treat varicose veins and spider veins. The procedure involves multiple injections into veins with a solution. The number of injections and the number of sessions required varies from person to person.

Will my insurance cover Sclerotherapy?

Insurance coverage varies. If your varicose veins are causing medical problems such as pain or chronic swelling, your insurance may offer reimbursement. If you are pursuing sclerotherapy for cosmetic purposes only, your insurance carrier most likely will not provide coverage.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS

Authorization Request

Sclerotherapy requires prior authorization. The timeline for the authorization process varies depending on the individual benefits of the insurance plan you have. The average time it takes for authorization is 45-60 days. Depending on the insurance company, the treatment window that is authorized will vary (most insurance companies authorize a 90 day period to complete the treatments). As a standard, we request 7 sessions for each leg. If you do not complete the sessions in the allowed time, we will file a request for an extension with your insurance company. Depending on the recommendation of your provider, appointments can be scheduled every 2-4 weeks.

Approved Authorizations

As soon as we receive written authorization from your health insurance company, we will contact you to schedule your sclerotherapy appointment(s).

Denials

We will notify you if your authorization has been denied and provide you with alternative options as follows:

Option 1: Appeal Denial with Insurance Company

If your request for authorization is denied, you will have the option to appeal. You will receive a denial letter from your insurance company stating the appeal process. In some cases, our office can facilitate the appeal as well, depending on the appeal process/protocol of your insurance company.

Option 2: Pay Cash

If your insurance company has denied your request for sclerotherapy, you have a cash pay option. The rate is \$529 per leg, per session. **You will be required to sign an ABN (advance beneficiary notice) every visit.**