



## SSM Health Dermatology

### Acknowledgement of Pathology Processing Charges

Please be advised that any biopsy or removal of lesions performed during your office visit will be sent to an outside pathology lab for processing. **All** specimens removed will be sent to Regional Medical Laboratory (RML) unless the patient requests a different Pathology Lab to be utilized at the time of service. Please notify the Provider or Medical Assistant at the time of your visit if your insurance requires a different Pathology Lab other than RML. Otherwise all specimens will be sent to RML for processing.

RML has made some changes to their billing processes effective July 1, 2020. Some patients may receive two statements for a specific date of service for pathology tests reflecting splitting of charges between the pathology services and the technical laboratory services. RML will bill for the technical portion of the testing and PLA (Pathology Laboratory Associates) will bill for the professional charges. The total combined charges will be the same as the single charge previously billed.

**These are separate charges in addition to your office visit and/or any procedure charges incurred during your visit with SSM Health Dermatology.** There will be a separate copay or coinsurance responsibility due to the Pathology Lab defined by your individual insurance coverage.

**You will receive a separate statement** and you will be directed to the Pathology Lab with any questions regarding these charges or balances. All pricing, billing and collections are managed through their offices only. Please contact RML or PLA with any questions regarding your separate billing for their services:

RML contact information is: 1-800-331-9102

PLA contact information is: 918-430-3588

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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