

Case Studies

Savings Resulting From Patient Having MedKaz®

Case I: Tissue Biopsy and Office Visit Avoided

Situation

Patient has a papule on his left foot. Says it looks the same, feels the same and is in the same place as a papule he had surgically removed two years earlier.

Plastic surgeon examines papule; is unsure what it is. Says he will remove tissue for a biopsy so he knows what it is before he removes it completely.

Patient tells surgeon he has a biopsy of the tissue that was removed two years earlier. Surgeon reads biopsy on patient's MedKaz, decides a new biopsy is unnecessary, removes the entire papule, closes the incision, instructs the patient to return in ten days to have the stitches removed.

Patient returns in ten days. Surgeon tells him papule, indeed, was same as two years earlier, removes stitches, discharges the patient.

Total Costs Saved by Avoiding Second Office Visit & Biopsy

Insurance claims avoided	\$521.52	
Patient copay	25.00	
Lost wages @ \$25/hr	\$50.00	\$596.52
Lost productivity		\$

Patient's Savings

Deductible and copay saved*	\$50.00	
Lost wages	\$50.00	\$100.00

Employer's/Insurer's Savings

Insurance claims avoided (less deductible*)	\$496.52	
Productivity loss avoided		\$
Employee goodwill		\$

* Assumes \$25.00 deductible and \$25.00 copay

Case II: Second Surgical Follow-Up Office Visit Avoided

Situation

Patient had Iridotomy in both eyes to preclude problems from Glaucoma.

Patient returns four months later for checkup by ophthalmologist. Is prepped with drops and prepared for examination by the physician. Physician tells patient the hospital's computer is down so he has to reschedule visit (the earliest he could see the patient was in two or three months.)

Patient tells physician he has a copy of the physician's progress notes from before the procedure and the notes describing the procedure. Physician reads both sets of notes on patient's MedKaz, examines the patient's eyes, tells patient all is well and to return in another year for a checkup.

Total Costs Saved by Avoiding Second Office Visit

Insurance claims avoided	\$162.69	
Patient copay	25.00	
Lost wages @ \$25/hr	\$100.00	\$287.69
Lost productivity		\$\$

Patient's Savings

Deductible and copay saved*	\$50.00	
Lost wages	\$100.00	\$150.00
Avoided delay knowing outcome of procedure		\$\$

Employer's/Insurer's Savings

Insurance claims avoided (less deductible*)	\$137.69
Productivity loss avoided	\$\$
Employee goodwill	\$\$

* Assumes \$25.00 deductible and \$25.00 copay