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**Notice of Non-Participation in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Network**

Sarasota Anesthesiologists is the sole provider of anesthesia at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. While the hospital is an in-network provider for Blue Cross Blue Shield ("BCBS"), Sarasota Anesthesiologists is currently a non-participating provider.

BCBS reimburses Sarasota Anesthesiologists at rates less than half those at the only other hospital in town, and far less than the average managed care rate in Florida. Despite Sarasota Anesthesiologists' efforts to renew an agreement with BCBS, we were unable to arrive at what we feel is a fair agreement.

To help ease patient concerns during this time, Sarasota Anesthesiologists will accept BCBS out-of-network rates, and will not balance bill any patient. However, the patient will still be responsible for any co-payment and co-insurance specified in their benefit plan.

We will make every attempt to prevent you from paying more out-of-pocket due to our non-participating status with BCBS and Sarasota Anesthesiologists will work with any patient whose out-of-pocket payment is substantially increased to make their payment more in line with their in-network payment rate. To help you avoid overpaying, we may need to appeal BCBS's determination of your benefits. To do so, we will need you to execute an **Authorization of Representation Form** and an **Assignment of Benefits Form** to authorize Sarasota Anesthesiologists to receive payment from BCBS. Please contact our office if you have not received these forms, or if you have questions about this process.

We apologize for any inconvenience or concerns that you may have because of our non-participating status with BCBS, but we felt we were left with no alternative as we work to reach a fair agreement. All the more than 80 members of our organization look forward to continuing participation in your care. If you have any questions, please call our office at **941-366-2360** or e-mail at [office@sarasotaanesthesia.com](mailto:office@sarasotaanesthesia.com)

Sincerely,

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