

The enclosed bill represents the charge for the professional consultative services of the radiologist, the doctor to whom your physician referred you for x-ray examination or treatment.

In addition to this charge, you may find that your hospital bill includes an item for x-ray to cover the use of its equipment and supplies.

If you received a fluoroscopic examination, you met the radiologist. If you only had films made, your contact may have been solely with the x-ray technologist. Once the films were made and checked, they were presented to the radiologist for his interpretation and for his written and oral consultation with your physician.

The radiologist's bill, plus the charge on the hospital bill, normally will not exceed the amount charged as a single bill by many institutions before this year. The change in billing procedures was made by radiologists for several reasons, including a need to conform to practices common to other doctors and to meet the requirements of the new medicare law. You will recall that surgeons, obstetricians and other doctors bill for their services to you and the hospital also makes a charge for the use of its specialized facilities.

If you have any health care insurance which would help you pay for this service, you should forward one of the copies of the enclosed bill, and perhaps this explanation. The bill was designed to provide sufficient information for an insurance carrier without disclosing information which is a part of the confidential relationship between you and your physicians, including the radiologist. Should additional information be needed, we will be glad to provide it to your insurer with your consent.