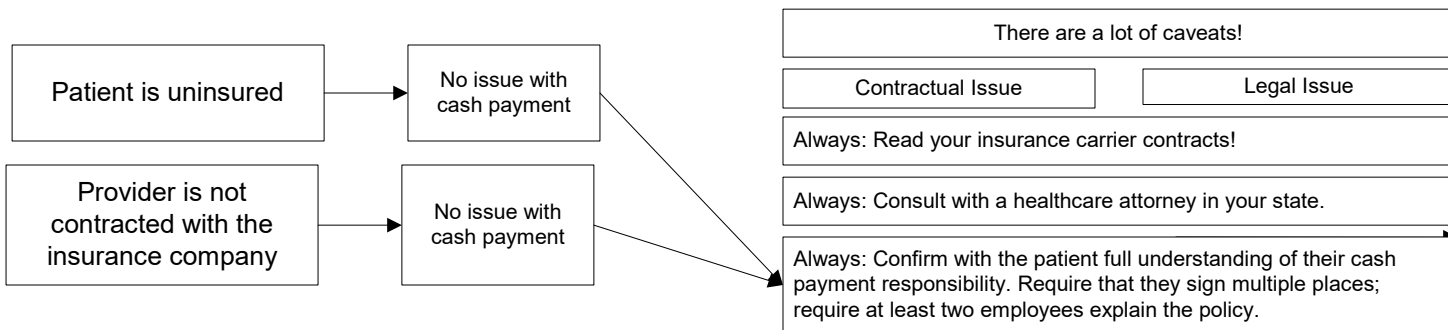
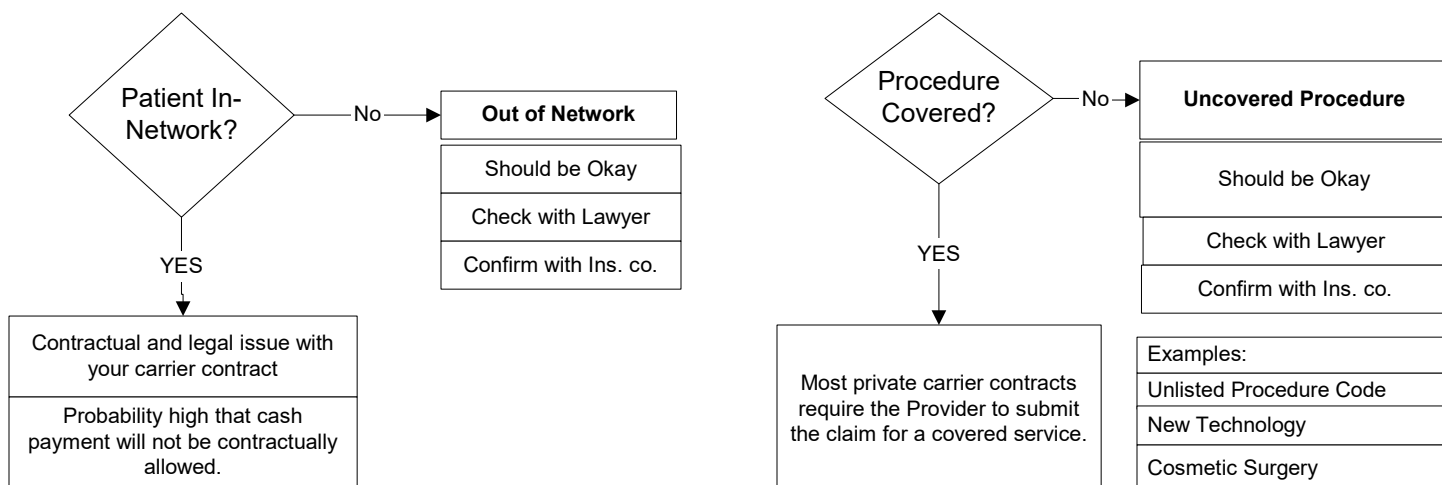


Decision Tree for Accepting a Cash Payment for a Surgical Procedure



Patient has a High Deductible
Wants to pay a discounted cash price.
Payment will not count toward deductible.

Provider is contracted with the insurance company.



Private Insurance Financial Policy Form	Medicare Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN)
Forms must be read and signed by patient!	
Never surprise a patient with a bill!	

Related: Offering a cash discount (or free services) to friends and colleagues. This can violate Stark Laws. It's a legal issue.
What is Balanced Billing? It is billing the patient for the remainder (balance) of their bill once the insurance company pays. Most health insurance companies do not allow this.
A covered procedure performed in an Office-Based Surgical Suite would present a unique situation.
Office-Based Surgical Suite (OBSS) POS = 11
If the procedure is performed in the office yet has a Site of Service Differential equal zero, the surgeon will NOT be compensated for the office overhead (Practice Expense).
When the same procedure is performed at a facility, the patient will be charged a separate fee for the ASC, HOPD, or hospital facility.
The surgeon should not balance bill or ask for cash payment for their office overhead. It should be negotiated with the carrier.
Code 29999: EGR (Unlisted code) [Endoscopic Gastrointestinal Release]
Code 29848: ECTR (No SOSD when performed in the office).

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