

Planning your visit to Athens Regional

On September 1st, Athens Regional Medical Center will institute a limited fee for parking.

We continue to be highly committed to quality, compassionate care for our patients. As we have expanded our campus to better meet the needs of the community, we have invested \$16 million in building and maintaining adequate parking. Rising healthcare costs combined with escalating costs for maintenance of this parking infrastructure has led to a decision to charge limited fees for parking.

The charge to our visitors will be minimal, and the fees were designed to cover the cost of interest, depreciation, maintenance of the parking infrastructure. To put it simply, we want “parking to take care of parking” so that we can focus on patient care, facilities and technology.

There will be no charge for patients and their visitors for the first hour and no charge between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. At other times, the fee schedule will be \$1 for the second hour, \$2 for the third hour, \$3 for the fourth hour and \$4 for the fifth hour. The fee will be capped at \$5 per day. Other parking decks and lots in our area charge for parking and unfortunately we must do the same.

Patients in the Emergency Department, clergy, and volunteers will be provided complimentary parking. We recognize that even a small fee could cause a hardship for some patients and visitors, so their circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Patient drop off and pick up is permitted at any of the hospital entrances and the Medical Services Building.

We understand that convenient parking is an important part of your experience at Athens Regional Medical Center, and we appreciate your understanding as we move toward this new system to ensure that you continue to have adequate parking. If you have questions or concerns, please contact our Guest Services department at 706-475-3397.