

## Immergrün Providers

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St. Vincent Heart Center of Indiana  
St. Joseph Hospital  
Saint John's Health System  
St. Vincent Williamsport Hospital  
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Meetings may be scheduled by contacting the office at 1-800-333-3561.

### **Newsletter**

Subscription to a quarterly newsletter focusing on health issues is available for \$7.00 per year. Requests for a subscription can be mailed directly to Immergrün, please be sure to include your name, address and payment.



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# Immergrün

## HISTORY

After treating a large number of Amish and Conservative Mennonites in his practice, Dr. Edwin L. Nirdlinger, PhD, MD, became aware of the difficulty these patients had obtaining quality care at a reasonable cost. In 2002, with the idea of helping Anabaptist communities, Dr. Nirdlinger along with Wolfgang Drescher, JD, LLM, formed the non-profit foundation Immergrün, Inc.

## PURPOSE

The foundation serves Amish and Mennonites who because of their religious beliefs do not have medical insurance.

Immergrün works as a patient advocate to obtain quality medical care at affordable rates, and to eliminate issues patients can experience when dealing directly with hospitals and physicians.

Immergrün also promotes the health of individuals and communities through education and other preventative measures.

Immergrün consistently receives positive responses from our patients regarding prices and the quality-of-care received. Quality care and service has continued as Immergrün continues to expand to other states.

## HOW DOES IMMERGRÜN WORK?

Immergrün negotiates hospital and physician fees based on Medicare rates. These rates are calculated to give a well-run hospital a reasonable profit and to encourage the hospital to run efficiently.

Hospitals usually offer patients without insurance a discount off of billed charges. A 10-30% discount is small, when you consider most bills are 2-3 times the hospital's actual cost."

After we reach an agreement with a hospital, patients with Immergrün identification cards will be billed based on agreed rates. The bill will be sent to Immergrün who then bills the patient.

Immergrün is not an insurance company. We depend on the patient, or if the patient cannot afford the cost of the care, the patient's church to assist the patient with the bill."

## HOW DO I GET AN IDENTIFICATION CARD?

Immergrün identification card applications are available through your designated church leader. After you complete the form, your designated church leader is required to sign each application to confirm church membership. Applications can be requested by calling Immergrün at 1-800-333-3561.

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**MEMBER REMINDER:** Please notify Immergrün of any changes in information including births, deaths, address changes and marriages. Immergrün must have accurate member information to pay your medical claims.

**CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:** Please notify Immergrün if there is a change in the Church Representative. Immergrün relies on this contact as a way to communicate with the church.

## HOW DO I USE IMMERGRÜN'S ID CARD?

When requesting medical services, present your card to your participating medical facility/physicians. The facility will bill Immergrün directly for the services provided. Immergrün will review the bill and pay at the contracted rate. Immergrün then bills the individual. It is important that Immergrün is paid promptly when your statement is received; since we must pay the medical provider promptly in order to continue receiving our negotiated discounts.

The identification care will be accepted by any participating facility or physician's office. For example: If you live in Iowa but need medical care in Ohio, you would be able to use the card at any participating facility in Ohio.

## THERE ARE NO HOSPITALS NEAR WHERE I LIVE, WHY DO I NEED TO SIGN UP?

Hospitals negotiate with insurance companies on a daily basis. Insurance companies members are the negotiating power. The more members, the better able we are to negotiate lower prices. In our negotiations with hospitals one of the first questions we are asked is "how many people will utilize our facility?"

The best way to answer this question is to make sure every family possible has an identification card. The benefit for the patient is you already have a card when we are able to negotiate contracts in your area.

Also, if you are ever away from home and need care, you will have access to any Immergrün facility.