

What to Expect: Paying for Your Colonoscopy

SCREENING

Asymptomatic (no GI symptoms), age 45 and over, **has no** personal history of Inflammatory Bowel Disease, colon polyps, and/or cancer.

This service **MAY** be covered under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) with no out-of-pocket costs to the patient.

If polyps are removed, this may change to diagnostic

CPT codes to provide to your insurance company: 45378, 45380 and 45385

Diagnosis codes: Z12.11 (screening colonoscopy)

Anesthesia (sedation) CPT codes: 00811 and 00812

Pathology CPT codes: 88305 and 88312

SURVEILLANCE

Asymptomatic (no GI symptoms), **has** a personal history of Inflammatory Bowel Disease, colon polyps, and/or cancer.

This service **MAY NOT BE** considered preventive and may be applied toward your deductible and co-insurance.

CPT codes to provide to your insurance company: 45378, 45380 and 45385

Diagnosis codes: Z86.010 (personal history of polyps) or Z80.0 (family history of polyps)

Call our office if you have Inflammatory Bowel Disease to obtain your diagnosis code.

Anesthesia (sedation) CPT codes: 00811 and 00812

Pathology CPT codes: 88305 and 88312

DIAGNOSTIC

Currently has gastrointestinal (GI) symptoms.

This service is **NOT** considered preventive and will be applied toward your deductible and co-insurance.

CPT codes to provide to your insurance company: 45378, 45380 and 45385

Diagnosis codes: These vary, so please call our office for your diagnosis code.

Anesthesia (sedation) CPT codes: 00811 and 00812

Pathology CPT codes: 88305 and 88312

- We bill for the professional and facility fees. Anesthesia (sedation) and pathology fees are billed by independent organizations; see separate handout.
- **We CANNOT change, add, or delete a diagnosis code to make it considered a screening colonoscopy.** Your insurance company may tell you that we can, but that is not true. Your medical record is a binding legal document that cannot be changed, per governmental, insurance, and compliance guidelines. Changing, adding, or deleting a diagnosis code is considered insurance fraud and is punishable by law.
- **For all above categories, you should be prepared to pay an amount toward your deductible and out-of-pocket maximum. It is important to know that your insurance company may not consider your colonoscopy a "screening colonoscopy".**

