

Procedure Financial Disclosure

The Endoscopy Center is a freestanding ambulatory surgical center, which is located in the same building as Asheville Gastroenterology Associates. **The Asheville Gastroenterology physicians do not perform the endoscopy services in the doctor's office. Therefore, office visit copays will not apply for these services.**

An employee of the Asheville Gastroenterology Associates Insurance Department will contact your insurance plan to see if pre-certification is required for the procedure. Please note that pre-certification is not a guarantee of payment as per your insurance company.

Endoscopy services are surgical procedures and will be processed under the surgical provisions of your insurance plan. While the procedures are diagnostic in nature, they are not considered a diagnostic test by the insurance carrier, nor the American Medical Association.

We strongly encourage you to call your insurance carrier to confirm your benefits for the procedure that has been scheduled. You will need to provide them with the information listed below. Be sure to have them review the "screening and/or findings" diagnosis as some plans have limited coverage based on diagnosis. We also suggest that you verify that pre-certification has been granted if it is required.

You have been scheduled for a colonoscopy: CPT 45378 and/or gastroscopy (EGD):CPT 43235 on _____ at The Endoscopy Center. We have scheduled your procedure with the diagnosis of _____/or findings diagnosis. If you are scheduled for a screening colonoscopy and our findings require treatment, this could change your benefits. The diagnosis codes submitted on the claim for the procedure will indicate the findings of the procedure. Please, check your benefits for both screening and diagnostic surgery, as they may vary.

Some insurance plans have exclusions for out-patient surgical procedures or have different out-of-pocket expenses based on the location where the procedure is performed. Deductibles may apply. **Your office visit copays will not apply to these services.**

The correct insurance information must be reported to Asheville Gastroenterology Associates at least 7 days prior to the procedure to allow time for pre-certification. **Failure to report the correct insurance may result in you being responsible for the full balance due.**

The procedure for which you are scheduled generates the following fees and will be billed separately: (1) a professional fee for the physician's services, (2) a facility fee for use of the surgery facility, and (3) if a tissue biopsy is required, a fee for pathology services.

**Asheville Gastroenterology Associates
The Endoscopy Center
Acknowledgement of Receipt of Procedure Financial Disclosure**

I have received a copy of the Procedure Financial Disclosure for Asheville
Gastroenterology Associates and The Endoscopy Center.

Patient Signature

Date