

## Billing Information for your Procedure at the Endoscopy Center

You are scheduled to have a procedure performed at either the Florham Park Endoscopy Center or Hanover Endoscopy Center. Please note that both locations are a **facility** setting, not an office setting. **You need to check with your insurance carrier to determine what your financial responsibility will be.** After your insurance claims have been processed, you **may** receive the following bills:

- A statement from the Endoscopy Center. A deductible, co-pay or co-insurance may apply. Call your insurance carrier to learn your out of pocket responsibility.
- A statement from the physician who performed the procedure. This statement will be from Affiliates in Gastroenterology. **In 2011, The Affordable Care Act (ACA) expanded coverage for screening colonoscopies for some PRIVATE health insurers for patients over the age of 50, thus eliminating out of pocket expenses for many patients. Medicare, on the other hand, allows a screening colonoscopy once every 10 years for low risk patients and once every two years for high risk patients. If a colonoscopy is diagnostic, which means it is performed because of a symptom or condition, deductible and co-insurance typically are applied.**
- **It is each patient's responsibility to know what coverage he/she has, ie whether or not there is coverage for a screening colonoscopy (routine, no signs or symptoms) and what the deductible and co-insurance will be. Call your insurance carrier to learn your out of pocket responsibility for the physician, facility, anesthesiologist and pathologist before the procedure and how often you may have a screening colonoscopy, with no out of pocket expenses.** With the myriad of health care changes occurring and insurance coverage changing regularly, it is not possible for us to know exactly how your carrier will handle your claim. We do check that you are covered for the procedure that has been recommended for you, but cannot possibly know anything about the status of your deductible, co-insurance or co-pays. Therefore, so you are informed about the costs, we urge you to check with your insurance carrier before your procedure. We are truly sorry the medical insurance industry has created such an environment for all of us.
- A statement for the examination of the biopsies, if any were obtained. A deductible may apply.
- A statement from the anesthesiologist who administered anesthesia. If you receive a statement from Ambulatory Anesthesia Physicians, billing questions should be directed to:

Ambulatory Anesthesia Physicians  
PO 48180  
Newark, NJ 07101

(201) 842-3993 (if you have questions, ask for Misty)