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SCREENING DISCLOSURE

(This does not pertain to patients with Medicare)

Colorectal cancer is largely preventable through screening colonoscopy, which can find colon polyps that can be removed before they turn into cancer. Screening can also detect cancer early when it is easier to treat and cure.

The timing and frequency of colon cancer screening is based on standardized guidelines that reflect an individual's risk of developing the disease. Screening colonoscopy is recommended for all adults age 50 years and older.

Your health plan may include a screening benefit. However, should your procedure reveal abnormal findings, it will be filed with your insurance company as a therapeutic procedure. This may result in applicable deductibles and/or co-insurance responsibility on your part.

You are encouraged to contact your health insurance carrier if you have any questions regarding coverage of this procedure.

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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Dear Patient,

For billing purposes, there may be three distinct service components for which you will be billed separately:

- 1.) **Physician's Professional Fee:** This will be billed separately to your insurance company and may consist of two parts. The first part is for the performance of the procedure itself. Secondly, if you have not been seen in my office for a consultation to evaluate your problem before the procedure, a consultation will be performed immediately prior to your procedure which will result in a separate charge. If you feel your problem is complex and requires an extended period of time to discuss, you are encouraged to make an appointment to be seen in my office prior to your procedure. This does not apply to patients undergoing screening colonoscopy or surveillance exams. (i.e. history of colon polyp/Barrett's esophagus).
- 2.) **Facility Fee:** This will also be billed separately to your insurance company, in most cases by the facility where your procedure is performed.
- 3.) **Laboratory and Pathology Fee:** If you have blood drawn and/or a biopsy taken, your insurance company will receive a bill from the laboratory that processes any specimens received.

If you have any questions regarding this billing, please discuss them prior to your procedure.

Thank you.