

## Colonoscopy Notification Statement

**You may be receiving bills from separate entities** associated with your procedure, i.e. physician, facility, anesthesia, and/or laboratory charge. Atlanta Colon and Rectal Surgery, PA can only provide you with information associated with our fees.

**Be informed: Call your insurance company and verify benefits and coverage.**

- 1. Are the procedure and/or diagnosis covered under your policy?**
- 2. Is my diagnosis code(s) considered screening or medically necessary?**  
*This will affect your financial responsibility.*
- 3. What is my (patient) responsibility going to be? Deductible, Coinsurance, etc.**  
Ask them to explain your benefits for both a screening and medically necessary (diagnostic) colonoscopy. *A finding on a colonoscopy may change a screening to a medically necessary with some insurance carriers (see below).*

Procedure (CPT): Please contact Scheduler.

Diagnosis (ICD9): Please contact Scheduler.

### **Beware:**

Due to the nature of our specialty, procedures may often become more complex than originally determined. Therefore, your CPT code may be changed following your procedure. National Correct Coding Guidelines require that physicians bill the codes associated with the actual procedures performed (postoperative), not the planned procedure (preoperative). **This means your "screening" colonoscopy may be changed to a "medical necessary" colonoscopy.**

Insurance is very frustrating and we appreciate your patience and understanding.

*If your insurance plan has a high deductible, you may be asked to make a deposit prior to your procedure. For our fees, deposits, or an explanation of this form, please call our billing department at 404-252-8445.*

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Patient Signature