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Dear Patient,

You have been scheduled for a colonoscopy. Not all insurance companies will cover this procedure. As you be will be held financially responsible for this service, it is in your best interest to contact your insurance company to verify coverage prior to having the procedure performed.

Your insurance company will need the procedure code and diagnosis code to check your benefits, these are provided below.

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If you are having a colonoscopy because of symptoms you are experiencing, such as rectal bleeding, please call our office for the codes.

If you have no symptoms and no family or personal history of colon cancer or polyps, use these codes:

Procedure Code: G0121	Screening Colonoscopy, average risk
Diagnosis Code: Z12.11	Encounter for screening colonoscopy

If you have no symptoms and no personal history of colon cancer or polyps, **BUT** you have a **FAMILY history** of colon cancer or polyps, use these codes:

Procedure Code: G0105	Screening/Surveillance colonoscopy, high risk
Diagnosis Code: Z12.11	Encounter for screening colonoscopy
Diagnosis Code: Z80.0	Family history of colon cancer
Diagnosis Code: Z83.71	Family history of colon polyps

If you have no symptoms and no family history of colon cancer or polyps, **BUT** you have a **PERSONAL history** of colon cancer or polyps, use these codes:

Procedure Code: G0105	Screening/Surveillance colonoscopy, high risk
Diagnosis Code: Z85.038	Personal history colon cancer
Diagnosis Code: Z86.010	Personal history colon polyps

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Most insurance companies will cover a screening or surveillance colonoscopy for a patient without symptoms and no personal history of colon cancer or polyps under your preventative benefits. However, if you are having symptoms or have a personal history of colon cancer or colon polyps, some insurance companies will process the claim under your regular benefits and will not consider it a screening.

Additionally, sometimes during a screening or surveillance colonoscopy a polyps or other abnormality is found and a biopsy is performed. This may change the way the insurance pays your claim. You may also be responsible for additional charges from the hospital or laboratory for processing the biopsy specimen.

If you have any questions or concerns about your colonoscopy or our billing procedures, please contact our office at (906) 225-3853.

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