



To Our Gastroenterology Patients:

New legislation was passed effective January 1, 2011 related to screening colonoscopy procedures. **Depending on your policy you may be affected by this new law.** This legislation states that if the procedure is strictly for screening exams there will be no deductible, co-insurance or co-payment applied to the cost of the procedure and your insurance will assume all liability.

However, if your procedure is scheduled as a screening colonoscopy but at any point during the procedure the physician finds any abnormal findings, signs or symptoms (ex: abdominal pain, bleeding, diarrhea, polyps, anemia, change in bowl habits, etc...) the procedure will then be eligible for the patient to pay any applied co-insurance, co-pays, or deductibles.

This letter is to inform you that in the case of a screening colonoscopy being changed during the procedure to a diagnostic colonoscopy you as the insured will be responsible for any co-insurance, co-payment or deductible that would normally apply. Again, your policy may be **exempt** from this new law, it is up to you as the policy holder to know the terms of your insurance agreement.

If you have additional questions please do not hesitate to contact our patient account department.

Thank you,

Patient Signature

Date

Witness

Estimated Facility Portion \$ _____