

EXPLANATION OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

To Our Valued Patient:

Enclosed is important billing information you should be aware of for services provided at Tucson Gastroenterology Specialists (the doctor's office) and Tucson Gastroenterology Institute (our Outpatient Surgical Facility), which is owned by our Providers.

If you are scheduled for an endoscopic procedure (i.e. colonoscopy or upper endoscopy-EGD) the total cost for your procedure may include up to three different billable services; The **Physician's fee**, the **facility fee** and the **Pathologist's fee** (if biopsies are taken). Each fee will be billed separately to your insurance company under the performing provider of the service.

PHYSICIAN FEE

The physician's professional fee is for performing the Endoscopy procedure, supervising, interpreting, and consulting with you and your referring physician. Any bill for these services will be submitted under your physician's name. For questions regarding the Physician fee billing, please contact our billing office at (520) 382-1145 and we will gladly assist you.

FACILITY FEE

Tucson Gastroenterology Institute or Tucson Medical Center will represent the facility component of your services. Facility fees cover the cost of providing the technicians, nurses, equipment, and supplies involved in the performance of your services. For any questions regarding the facility fee billing for Tucson Gastroenterology Institute, please contact our billing office at (520) 382-1145 and we will gladly assist you.

PATHOLOGY FEE

If biopsies are taken during your procedure, you will be billed by the pathologist reviewing the tissue. If you have any questions regarding your pathology bill, please contact the pathologist directly utilizing the information provided on the statement. Miraca Life Sciences Billing: (888) 344-1160

We will bill your services to your primary insurance company and a secondary insurance company if one is provided by you. **Please familiarize yourself with your insurance plan benefits prior to any scheduled services.** Medical billing will be sent to your health insurance carrier that reflects the services rendered by our Providers or Facility and will include medical diagnosis codes that were submitted by you on your health history form, during consultation with the Provider, or findings from scheduled procedures, laboratory work, or radiological scans. If your insurance plan mandates that you are financially responsible for payment of co-pays, deductibles, co-insurances, or non-covered services, we will be contractually obligated to collect them. Tucson Gastroenterology Specialists and Tucson Gastroenterology Institute are bound by guidelines set forth by the American Medical Association and the contractual obligations with your individual health insurance plan. In the event that your insurance company does not cover services rendered by our Providers or our Surgical Facility due to benefits outlined within your individual health insurance plan, we will be unable to add or remove medical diagnosis to facilitate payment by your health insurance carrier on provided services. Our Doctors cannot comply with any requests to improperly alter the medical records for the purpose of obtaining payment. **Some patients may have riders, pre-existing conditions, preventive services, frequency limitations, or other services that may not be covered by their health plan.**

As a courtesy and service to our patients, the billing office can assist you with estimating your financial responsibility prior to any endoscopic procedures once you have contacted your insurance carrier to check your benefits. Please call (520) 382-1145 to speak with a billing staff member. Estimates provided by billing staff are not a guarantee of payment in full by you. Any patient responsibility that is due after your insurance company has processed the claim(s), will be billed to you via a statement. The billing office is dedicated to making sure your financial concerns and questions are answered prior to and after your procedure. We look forward to serving you.

Signature

Date