

**Sedation and Analgesia for Endoscopic or Colonoscopy Procedures Possible
Insurance Non-Coverage – Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN)**

You may be about to schedule a procedure. A colonoscopy or upper endoscopy during which time you will be sedated. This form needs to be read, understood and signed.

In the interest of safety and your comfort during either procedure, it is recommended these procedures be done by an anesthesiologist or a medical doctor administering the sedative agent. The anesthesiologist may use medications that will allow you to recover more quickly with a lower change of post procedure “hangover.” There is a very little chance of nausea. In addition we believe these procedures are safer than usual with another trained medical professional present.

Insurance companies pay only for covered items and services when some of their occasional quirky or restrictive rules are met. It is possible your insurance company may not cover the cost of sedation and analgesia administered by someone other than the physician doing the procedure. The fact that the insurance company may not pay for a service does not mean that the service is unreasonable.

The cost of medication administered by an anesthesiologist is approximately_____. As noted above it is possible that your insurance will not pay for this. If not, it will be your financial responsibility to pay the anesthesiologist directly.

I understand my insurance company may not pay for the charge as outlined above. I agree to pay the charges with a check or through an alternative insurance company.

Print Name

Signature

Date