

# **Important insurance update for patients undergoing a “screening colonoscopy”**

**If you will be undergoing a “screening colonoscopy”, meaning that you presently don’t have any GI symptoms, please be aware that if during the procedure a polyp is removed or a biopsy is performed, some insurance carriers will no longer consider this a “screening” procedure and may charge you a higher rate.**

**(On average 1 in 4 patients undergoing a “screening” colonoscopy will have colon polyps that will be removed during the procedure!)**

**We recommend that you check with your insurance company prior to undergoing the procedure to determine if your benefits change based on whether a polypectomy or biopsy is performed during the colonoscopy!**