UNC GI Procedures at HILLSBOROUGH

Dear Patient,

Thank you for choosing UNC Health Care for your GI procedure. Our goal is to deliver safe, high quality procedures and to make your experience as pleasant as possible. This letter is to inform you of possible out-of-pocket costs.

Out-of-Pocket Costs: The specific amounts of these costs will vary depending on your insurance plan and the type of procedure you are having. **It is our policy to accept payments for an** estimated **amount of these costs at the time of the procedure.** A fee of $100 for UNC Faculty Physicians (physician fee) will be collected on the day of the procedure. Please come prepared to pay this amount when you check-in. We accept cash, credit cards, or checks. The entire balance for the total cost of treatment will be submitted to your insurance carrier.

Note that if you have the following insurance plans, you will not be asked to make this estimated payment, but may be asked to pay a different amount based on your plan's requirements:

- Patients with two or more insurance coverages
- Medicare, Medicaid, and/or Tricare
- BCBS out of state

At no time do we want financial hardship to come between you and appropriate care. If you have any questions regarding this prepayment policy, setting up a payment plan or financial assistance, please contact a financial counselor at **919-595-5915**. In addition, the customer service department of your insurance company will be able to provide you information regarding your out-of-pocket expenses for your procedure.

Affordable Care Act

Under the Affordable Care Act, most insured patients who undergo screening colonoscopies are not subject to any out-of-pocket costs. However, if during the course of a screening colonoscopy a biopsy is performed or a polyp is removed, the test is reclassified as a diagnostic or therapeutic colonoscopy and some patients may receive a bill for associated costs. Please check with your insurance company ahead of time to determine if you would be affected by such a change.