

MARYLAND ENDOSCOPY CENTER

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Patient Name:

Identification Number:

Advance Beneficiary Notice of Non coverage (ABN)

NOTE: If Medicare doesn't pay for **(D) the Procedure** below, you may have to pay.

Medicare does not pay for everything, even some care that you or your health care provider have good reason to think you need. We expect Medicare may not pay for the **Procedure** listed below.

(D) <u>Procedure</u>	Reason Medicare May Not Pay:	Estimated Cost:
Average Risk Screening Colonoscopy	Medicare does not pay for an Average Risk Screening more often than every 10 years.	\$1185.00

What you need to do now:

- Read this notice, so you can make an informed decision about your care.
- Ask us any questions that you may have after you finish reading.
- Choose an option below about whether to receive the **(D) Procedure** listed above.
- **Note:** If you choose Option 1 or 2, we may help you to use any other insurance that you might have, but Medicare cannot require us to do this.

(G) Options: Check only one box. We cannot choose a box for you.

OPTION 1. I want the **(D) Procedure** listed above. Maryland Endoscopy Center may ask me to pay now, but I also want Medicare billed for an official decision on payment, which is sent to me on a Medicare Summary Notice (MSN). I understand that if Medicare doesn't pay, I am responsible for payment, but **I can appeal to Medicare** by following the directions on the MSN. If Medicare does pay, you will refund any payments I made to you, less co-pays or deductibles.

OPTION 2. I want the **(D) Procedure** listed above, but do not bill Medicare. MEC may ask me to pay now as I am responsible for payment. **I cannot appeal if Medicare is not billed.**

OPTION 3. I don't want the **(D) Procedure** listed above. I understand with this choice I am **not** responsible for payment, and **I cannot appeal to see if Medicare would pay.**

(H) Additional Information: This notice gives our opinion, not an official Medicare decision. If you have other questions on this notice or Medicare billing, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227 or TTY 1-877-486-2048).

Signing below means that you have received and understand this notice. You also receive a copy.

Signature:

Date:

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