

***PLEASE READ CAREFULLY PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE***

***MARYVILLE ASC / TENNESSEE ENDOSCOPY CENTER***

***BLOUNT GASTROENTEROLOGY ASSOCIATES, PC***

**BILLING PROCEDURES**

You will receive “TWO” statements from this address after you have had your procedure. Our office will bill your insurance company for these services. Any secondary insurance will be billed after the primary carrier has paid.

A separate check is required payable to each account individually due to the fact that each business is a separate account. Or you may pay with one of the following:



**BLOUNT GASTROENTEROLOGY ASSOCIATES, PC:** This statement will be from the doctor’s practice. This is the fee the doctor has charged you for doing the procedure. You will receive a statement when insurance has paid its portion for these services. **Payments on this account should be made payable to: Blount Gastroenterology Associates, PC.** We also accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

***Please note: if you present to the office for a colon screening due to age or preventative reasons your office visit will be billed as a colon screening unless you have experienced digestive problems such as rectal bleeding, abnormal bowel habits, constipation, diarrhea, abdominal pain and/or swelling, etc. within the last six months (at which time your visit will be billed as diagnostic). This may affect how your insurance pays for your visit. Please note that not all insurances allow colon screenings regardless of what your PCP recommends. Please know your insurance benefits before your procedure.***

**MARYVILLE ASC / TENNESSEE ENDOSCOPY CENTER:** This statement is a result of the facility fee and takes the place of a hospital bill. The Center can be compared to a hospital setting. The facility is adjoining to the doctor’s practice. It has a state license and has been certified by Medicare. This charge includes any medications you received while here (excluding anesthesia which is billed separately) and nursing services, etc. You will not receive a statement until insurance has paid. If you cannot pay the statement in full, please contact our office to make payment arrangements. **Payments on this account should be made payable to: Maryville ASC / Tennessee Endoscopy Center.** We also accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

***Please note: if you are scheduled for a colon screening and the physician removes a polyp(s) your procedure will be billed with the primary diagnosis as preventative screening and the polyp(s) secondary (EXCLUDES MEDICARE). In some instances other discovered diagnoses can also be billed as secondary to a preventative screening (ie; diverticula, colitis, ulcerations, etc). Also, some insurance companies may cover the diagnosis ‘family history of colon cancer and/or polyps’ as preventive/routine and others may not; however, most all insurances will not cover ‘personal history of colon cancer and/or polyps’ as preventive/routine. This may affect how your insurance pays for your procedure. Please know your insurance benefits before your procedure.***

Blount Gastroenterology Associates and Tennessee Endoscopy Center have the same business address and billing office. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**PATHOLOGY & ANESTHESIOLOGY BILLING:** In addition to the facility fee and the doctor’s fee you may receive a statement for one or both of the following:

**Pathology:** During your procedure we may remove a lesion or polyp and/or perform a tissue biopsy. These specimens will be sent to our recommended anatomic pathology service provider, to determine if they are normal, pre-cancerous, or cancerous. Our office is responsible for preparing the specimen for referral to PathGroup Labs at 658 Gassmere Park, Nashville, TN 37211; and reporting the pathology results back to you as the patient. Under TN State Law we are required to disclose to all patients the price we pay for anatomic pathology. At this time, we purchase anatomic pathology services at \$20 per specimen. The explanation of benefits you receive from your insurance company will reveal the exact amount we will receive for the services we provide. If you have any questions regarding anatomic pathology services and their cost, please do not hesitate to speak to our office.

**Anesthesiology:** General anesthesia is a deep sedation that must be administered by an anesthesia provider. You will receive a bill from the anesthesia provider’s office once your insurance has been billed and paid its portion. For any questions regarding your anesthesiology bill please refer to the contact number on your statement.

If you have any questions regarding the billing of your procedure please feel free to contact our office at 865-983-0073 and select option # 5 to reach the billing office.