



Upper Endoscopy Billing: What You Need to Know

Thank you for choosing us for your digestive healthcare needs. It is our goal to provide you with a clear understanding of the possible fees involved. **Please contact your insurance company to receive the best estimate of your cost.** **Please be aware that estimates are non-binding as findings during the procedure may change the course of action and treatment plan.**

Upper Endoscopy is **NOT** considered a screening procedure by your health insurance and was recommended by your physician due to current gastrointestinal (GI) symptoms or a personal history of known gastrointestinal problems/diseases/cancer. Therefore your deductible and co-insurance will be applied. Please check with your insurance company before your procedure and be sure to ask about your out-of-pocket cost to help avoid unpleasant surprises.

There is a charge for sedation/anesthesia services. Our goal is to provide you with the safest and most effective anesthesia for your procedure. Therefore, we only use Certified Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) to administer anesthesia to our patients. Your insurance carrier will be billed for professional anesthesia services provided by the anesthesiology providers.

The table below will guide you in asking the right questions to your insurance carrier.

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| What is my deductible amount? How much of my deductible have I met this year? | \$ |
| What are my estimated out-of-pocket costs for an upper endoscopy (ex: CPT Code 43239)? | \$ |
| Estimated Facility Charges (Use of the facility, equipment, supplies, and non-physician staff) Note: Procedures performed at a hospital are more costly than at the Endoscopy Center | \$ |
| Estimated Sedation Charges (CPT codes 00812) | \$ |
| Estimated Pathology Charges | \$ |
| ESTIMATED TOTAL (Please be prepared to add the General Excise Tax (GET 4.0%) to the allowable amount on some PPO plans.) | \$ |

*** Please note you may receive up to FOUR SEPARATE BILLS for the procedure: PHYSICIAN FEE, FACILITY FEE, ANESTHESIA FEE, and PATHOLOGY LAB FEE.**

If you have further questions after contacting your insurance, please call (808) 489-9479 for Physician Fees, (808)777-3250 for Facility/Anesthesia Fees, and (844)455-2120 for Pathology Fees.