

GASTROINTESTINAL ASSOCIATES OF ROCKLAND

ABOUT YOUR INSURANCE BENEFITS

In the past few years, the number of different health insurance programs has increased at an amazing rate. Even within one company, there may be several programs with varying benefits and requirements. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the patient to know the specific benefits and requirements of their plan.

- Some programs require that a specific facility be used for your blood tests, x-rays or ultrasounds.
- Some programs require pre-authorization while others do not.
- Some insurance companies require PATIENTS to notify them of hospital admissions or trips to the emergency room.
- Some insurance companies require referrals from your primary care physician.
- Some programs only pay a percentage of our charges, even “in-network”, causing a potentially large expense to the patient.
- Our pathology lab is considered out of network, therefore payments from your insurance company may go directly to you and you will be responsible for forwarding the payment to this office.

It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to know and to advise us of your program’s requirements in advance each and every time we schedule an appointment or provide a service to you. Please understand that if we have not been advised in advance of your program’s requirements or conditions and we provide a service or use a laboratory that is outside of your program requirements, **you will be responsible for the appropriate fees.**

Always check with your insurance company before having any tests done to ensure that the place of service you are going to accepts the insurance and that the test or tests you are having done are covered by your insurance company.

There will be a \$50.00 service fee if 48 hour cancellation notice is not given for any procedure appointments!!

I UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE ORIGINAL COPY OF THIS INFORMATION.

Signature

Date

Please print your name