

**Frederick Endoscopy Center LLC/Frederick Gastroenterology Associates PA**

**ADVANCED BENEFICIARY NOTICE (ABN)**

**Colonoscopy**

**Patient Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: You need to make a choice about receiving these health care items or services.

We expect that Medicare will not pay for the item(s) or service(s) that are described below. Medicare does not pay for all of your health care costs. Medicare only pays for covered services when Medicare rules are met. The fact that Medicare may not pay for a particular item or service does not mean that you should not receive it. There may be a good reason your doctor recommended it. Right now, in your case, Medicare probably will not pay for-

Items or Services: Colonoscopy
Because: Not the required time span between Colonoscopies <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Less than 2 years between High Risk Screening</li><li>• Less than 10 years between routine screening</li><li>• Sigmoidoscopy within 48 months of Colonoscopy</li></ul>

The purpose of this form is to help you make an informed choice about whether or not you want to receive these services, knowing that you might have to pay for them yourself. Before you make a decision about your options, you should read this entire notice carefully.

- Ask us to explain, if you don't understand why Medicare probably will not pay.
- Ask us to explain how much this service will cost you (estimated cost: FEC \$516.68, FGA \$374.49) in case you have to pay for this service yourself or through other insurance.

**PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OPTION, CHECK ONE BOX, SIGN & DATE YOUR CHOICE.**

<p><b>Option 1. Yes.</b> I want to receive this service. I understand that Medicare will not decide whether to pay unless I receive this service. Please submit my claim to Medicare. I understand that you may bill me for this service and I may have to pay this bill while Medicare is making its decision. If Medicare does pay you will refund to me any payments I made to you that are due to me. If Medicare denies payment, I agree to be personally and fully responsible for payment. That is, I will pay personally, either out of pocket or through any other insurance that I have. I understand I can appeal Medicare's decision.</p>
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<p><b>Option 2. No.</b> I have decided not to receive this service. I will not receive this service. I understand that you will not be able to submit a claim to Medicare and that I will not be able to appeal your opinion that Medicare won't pay.</p>
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**Date**

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**Signature of Patient or person acting on patient's behalf**

NOTE: Your health information will be kept confidential. Any information that we collect about you on this form will be kept confidential in our offices. If a claim is submitted to Medicare, your health information on this form may be shared with Medicare. Medicare will keep your health information, which Medicare sees confidential.  
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