



**Florida
Health Care
Plans**



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FHCP Coverage of Colonoscopies for FHCP Commercial/Individual Members

Your costs for these tests -

Screening Colonoscopy: You pay nothing.

Diagnostic Colonoscopy: You may have a copay, depending upon your FHCP benefit plan.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU UNDERSTAND that if a screening colonoscopy is performed, and during the procedure, your doctor has to take a biopsy or remove a lesion, polyp or other growth, **the procedure is still considered to be a screening colonoscopy.** There is no change in a Member's financial responsibility based upon findings, or therapeutic or diagnostic procedures performed during a screening colonoscopy.

Members who are referred for a problem to a gastroenterologist specialist for a diagnostic colonoscopy, or Members with open access who self-refer for a problem based gastroenterologist office visit are expected to pay their appropriate specialty care office visit out-of-pocket amount per their FHCP benefit summary.

What factors increase risk for colorectal cancer?

You should discuss screening colonoscopy versus diagnostic colonoscopy testing options and timeframes with your doctor to determine which test is right for you, and how often you need to be examined.

Risk for colorectal cancer increases if...

- ✓ You have had colorectal cancer before, even if it has been completely removed
- ✓ You have a close relative, such as a sister or brother, parent or child who had colorectal polyps or colorectal cancer
- ✓ You have a history of polyps
- ✓ You have inflammatory bowel disease (like ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease).