

At Gastroenterology Associates of Southwest Florida, we aim to have the most transparent financial policies and guidelines of any gastroenterology practice in the region.

Below you'll find detailed information about our self-pay requirements, costs at our Barkley Surgicenter, and resources for financial assistance.

Please note that you are responsible for providing us with current and accurate billing/insurance information at the time of check-in and of notifying us of any changes. If you have questions or need any clarification, please contact us at 239.291.4813 during regular business hours.

Self-Pay Financial Requirements

Self-pay patients are required to make a minimum down payment (not pre-pay a down payment) for the following amounts at Self-pay patients are required to make a minimum down payment (not pre-pay a down payment) for the following amounts at the time of check-in. You may be asked to pay more at the time of checkout depending on the treatment and care provided:

New Patient (Consult) = \$200.00
Established Patient (Follow up) = \$100.00
Procedure (New or Established Patient) = \$700.00
(The prices above are NOT the total cost for your visit or procedure – they are only the required down payment for each)

Cost for Procedures at Barkley Surgicenter

The cost to a patient for a procedure varies based on a number of factors including the individual health of the patient and their needs, the number of procedures performed in a single operative session, and the indication for the procedure. In order to assist our patients in making an informed decision regarding their healthcare, below is a listing of the billed charges for the procedures that are commonly performed at Barkley Surgicenter. A billed charge is the amount that a physician, hospital, or other healthcare entity charges for the specific procedures or services provided to the patient. This list is not all-inclusive and does not reflect any discounts offered by your insurance company. For assistance in determining your patient responsibility, please contact our Central Business Office at 239-291-4813 for a patient-specific estimate of cost.

Code Billed Charge

43235 – \$1,200.00 EGD (Esophagogastroduodenoscopy)
43235 – \$1,130.00 EGD (Esophagogastroduodenoscopy)
43239 – \$1,200.00 EGD (Esophagogastroduodenoscopy) with Biopsy
43248 – \$1,200.00 EGD (Esophagogastroduodenoscopy) with dilation
45330 – \$ 400.00 Flexible Sigmoidoscopy
45331 – \$ 400.00 Flexible Sigmoidoscopy with Biopsy
45378 – \$1,415.00 Colonoscopy
45380 43239 – \$1615.00 Colonoscopy and EGD
45380 – \$1,400.00 Colonoscopy with Biopsy
45384 – \$1,400.00 Colonoscopy with Hot Biopsy
45385 – \$1,400.00 Colonoscopy with Biopsy by Snare
91110 – \$950.00 Capsule Endoscopy
G0105 – \$1,100.00 Screening Colonoscopy (High Risk/ Surveillance)
G0121 – \$1,100.00 Screening Colonoscopy (Routine)

Resources for Financial Assistance

For all patients who need assistance in getting help for their medical bills the following resources are available for everyone who qualifies:

- Contact your business office representative at our Central Business Office for more details: 239.291.4813
- Apply for Care Credit online or call 1.800.677.0718. Care Credit gives you special financing, low monthly payment options, no up-front costs, and no pre-payment penalties.
- Apply for Medicaid online, call 1.800.226.6735, or visit in person at any of the many locations.
- Call the office of Vocational Rehabilitation at 239.278.7150 to apply over the phone Monday – Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- For Veterans without insurance, call Veterans Administration or call 1.888.820.0230.
- For patients diagnosed with HIV, contact the McGregor Clinic (Ryan White Foundation) or call 239.334.9555.
- For indigent patients, contact United Way Foundation or call 239.433.3900.
- For patients with special needs who do not have insurance and who have cancer or who have been recently diagnosed with cancer, contact 21st Century Care to apply for a financial assistance grant. Submit application directly to 21st Century Care.
- For uninsured individuals between the ages of 50-64 with an annual income at or below 200% of the federal poverty limit, apply for coverage through the Senior Friendship Centers (friendshipcenters.org)

Information for Share of Cost / Cobra / Deductibles

For all patients who are required to pay a deductible, you will be asked to pay in the office on the date of your visit. If you believe your deductible has been met for the year, please bring any information showing your deductible amount paid with you to the office; this can include Explanation of Benefits (EOBs), letters from your insurance company, and/or receipts from other medical facilities showing amounts paid.

Medically Needy (Share of Cost) is a program offered by Florida Medicaid for eligible individuals. Patients with Medically Needy benefits are required to meet a monthly "Share of Cost" amount, similar to the deductible on most commercial plans; you may be asked to show proof of having met the Share of Cost amounts for your visit. If we are unable to confirm that your Share of Cost has been met, you will be considered a self-pay patient for that visit. Please refer to the Self-Pay Financial Requirements section for more information.

COBRA is a program that requires continuation of coverage to be offered to covered employees, their spouses, former spouses, and dependent children when group health coverage would otherwise be lost due to certain specific events. Group health coverage for COBRA participants is often more expensive than the amount that active employees are required to pay since the employer usually pays part of the cost of employees' coverage and all of that cost can be charged to individuals receiving continuation coverage. Patients covered under COBRA may be asked to show proof of premium payment.

Patients with commercial insurance plans or Medicare Advantage plans with Medicaid as a secondary will be asked to pay their copayment/deductible/coinsurance at the time of service. We do not bill Medicaid when it is secondary to these plans.