



Support Site-Neutral Payment Reform to Protect Patient Access and Support Independent GI Practices

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The Digestive Health Physicians Association supports payment equality between hospitals and independent physicians for affordable, high-quality community care for outpatient services.

Site-neutral payment policies ensure Medicare pays the same rate for services, promoting cost-effectiveness, competition, and patient choice.

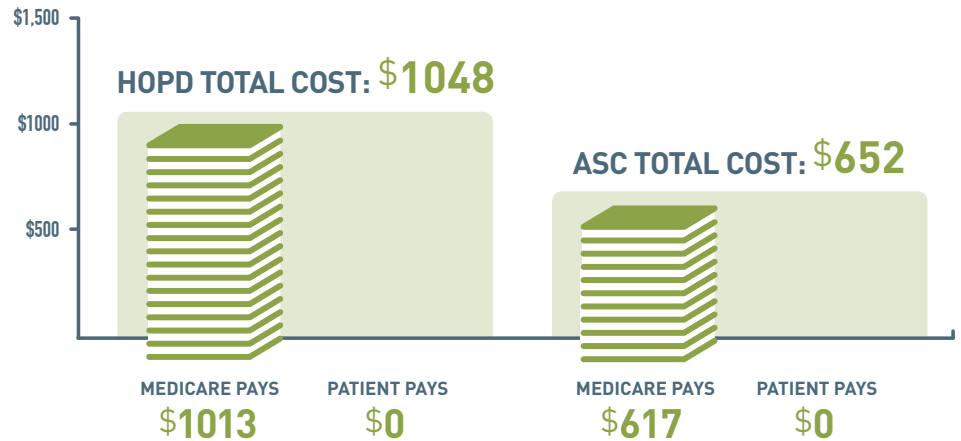
Site neutrality also removes financial incentives for hospitals to acquire physician practices and outpatient facilities by making them hospital-based services.

DHPA encourages Congress to equalize payment rates for colorectal cancer screenings between the hospital outpatient department and ambulatory surgery center settings.

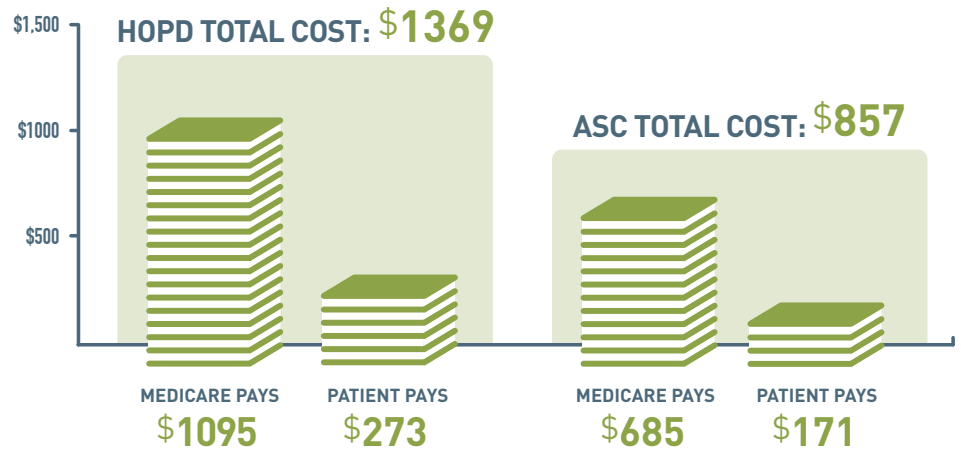
Implementing site neutrality improves healthcare cost control, access to care, and affordability for patients.

Hospital Outpatient Department (HOPD) vs. Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Settings

AVERAGE COST FOR A SCREENING COLONOSCOPY
CODE G0121



AVERAGE COST FOR A SCREENING COLONOSCOPY
IN WHICH POLYPS WERE REMOVED
CODE 45385



Source: U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. <https://www.medicare.gov/procedure-price-lookup>. Accessed March 1, 2025.

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DHPA's member practices include more than 2,600 gastroenterologists and other physician specialists who provide care for more than 3 million people annually. DHPA member practices employ more than 11,000 employees in their medical groups.



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