

Medical Plan Coverage for Colonoscopy Screenings and Associated Anesthesia

The DuPont medical plan continues to cover both full sedation and conscious sedation during routine colonoscopy screenings.

News regarding a change to Aetna's processing of preventive colonoscopy claims has raised the level of awareness regarding this preventive screening. Aetna is one of several DuPont medical plan administrators. At present, there is not a clear consensus among the medical community and medical plan carriers regarding the use of full sedation on healthy individuals during routine colonoscopy screenings. Therefore, to ensure consistency in plan benefits to participants throughout the U.S. Region, DuPont will not be adopting the Aetna medical necessity criteria for colonoscopy anesthesia at this time. We will continue to monitor medical care trends and communicate any changes to participants.

As a principle, DuPont provides employees, retirees and their dependents with health care benefits that encourage wellness, illness prevention and the wise use of health care dollars. Colonoscopies are one of many preventive tests covered by the DuPont medical plan at a 100% benefit level. The test is recommended for both men and women starting at age 50 every 5 – 10 years.

Preventive colonoscopy screenings are safe and include sedation to keep the patient comfortable. The type of sedation depends on the patient's health and medical needs. Conscious sedation should be considered for healthy individuals under the age of 65.

For a complete listing of recommended preventive tests and immunizations, refer to the DuPont brochure titled "Your First Step to Good Health. The [brochure](#) can be found on the HR for All US Employees web site under Employee Benefits.