Gastroenterology Medical Documentation Requirements

The information identified in the checklist below must be included in medical documentation after providing Patient-Centered Community Care- or Veterans Choice Program-eligible Veterans with gastroenterology services such as a colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy, esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), or endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS).

Gastroenterology Medical Documentation Requirements Checklist

- Procedure performed (for example, colonoscopy with biopsy)
- Procedural indication
- Sedation medications and doses
- Description of the quality of the bowel preparation (applies to colonoscopies and sigmoidoscopies only)
- Depth of insertion of the endoscope/completeness of the procedure
  - If the procedure is incomplete, an explanation must be provided.
- Description of all relevant findings, for example:
  - Number and size of polyps
  - Presence of hemorrhoids, diverticulosis, colitis, stricture, etc.
- Full description of all interventions
  - If polypectomy is performed, the provider must indicate whether or not the lesion was completely removed.
- Summary assessment and recommendations, including any recommended follow-up
- If specimens were removed for pathologic assessment, include initial and final recommendations considering the pathology results.

Using the cover sheet provided by Health Net Federal Services, LLC (HNFS), fax the gastroenterology medical documentation requirements along with elements mentioned in the Required Content of Medical Documentation checklist to 1-855-300-1705.

Medical documentation must be returned within the timeframe indicated in the provider notification packet. If you have additional questions on returning required medical documentation, please contact HNFS at the telephone number listed on the Veteran’s authorization.