Bill Summary

Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act of 2013 amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance for colorectal cancer screening tests (thus covering 100% of their cost under Medicare part B.

Importance and Relevance to the ASC Industry

H.R. 1070 would waive a Medicare beneficiary's co-payment for colo-rectal cancer screening for screening colonoscopies where a polyp was discovered and subsequently removed. The bill would remove a significant financial barrier that prohibits many Medicare recipients from scheduling screening colonoscopies.

Original Sponsors and Co-sponsors

U.S. Representative Charles Dent (R-PA) is the original sponsor and the bill currently has <u>50</u> <u>co-sponsors</u> in the House.