

HEDIS Provider Guide: Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL-E)

Measure Description

The percentage of members 45–75 years of age who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer

Product Line: **Medicaid, Medicare, Commercial**

Clinical Recommendations

Annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOBT: Fecal Occult Blood Test • FIT: Fecal Immunochemical Test
Every 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sDNA FIT: Multitargeted stool DNA with Fecal Immunochemical Test
Every 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CT colonography • Flexible sigmoidoscopy
Every 10 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colonoscopy • Flexible sigmoidoscopy every 10 years, with FIT every year

Exclusions

- Members in hospice or who receive palliative care (ICD-10-CM code Z51.5)
- Members who had colorectal cancer or a total colectomy any time during the member's history through December 31st of the measurement year

Using Correct Billing Codes

Codes to Identify a Colorectal Cancer Screening	
Description	Coding
Colonoscopy	CPT: 44388-44392, 44394, 44401-44408, 45378-45382, 45384-45386, 45388-45393, 45398 HCPCS: G0105, G0121
CT Colonography (Virtual Colonoscopy)	CPT: 74261-74263 LOINC: 60515-4, 72531-7, 79069-1, 79071-7, 79101-2, 82688-3
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	CPT: 45330-45335, 45337, 45338, 45340-45342, 45346, 45347, 45349, 45350 HCPCS: G0104 SNOMED: 44441009, 396226005, 425634007, 841000119107
FOBT Lab Test	CPT: 82270, 82274 HCPCS: G0328 LOINC: 104738-0, 107189-3, 107190-1, 107191-9, 12503-9, 12504-7, 14563-1, 14564-9, 14565-6, 2335-8, 27396-1, 27401-9, 27925-7, 27926-5, 29771-3, 56490-6, 56491-4, 57905-2, 58453-2, 80372-6
FOBT Test Finding	SNOMED: 59614000, 167667006, 389076003, 71711000112103
sDNA FIT Lab Test (Stool Test)	CPT: 81528, 0464U LOINC: 77353-1, 77354-9 SNOMED: 708699002

Exclusion Codes

Description	Codes
Colorectal Cancer and History of Colorectal Cancer	ICD10CM: C18.0-C18.9, C19, C20, C21.2, C21.8, C78.5, Z85.038, Z85.048
Total Colectomy	CPT: 44150-44153, 44155-44158, 44210-44212 ICD10CM: 0DTE0ZZ, 0DTE4ZZ, 0DTE7ZZ, 0DTE8ZZ

How to Improve HEDIS® Scores

- Educate patients about the importance of early detection and encourage testing.
- Engage patients in discussion about their fears regarding colorectal cancer screenings and let them know there are multiple test options, and the tests may be less uncomfortable than they were in the past.
- Schedule a colorectal cancer screening for the patient or send/give the patient a referral, if needed.
- Provide FOBT or FIT kits to patients to complete screening in the comfort of their home and review the instructions with patients.
- Contact patients who cancel or miss appointments to assist with rescheduling.
- Make every office visit count. Use every visit to review whether patients are up-to-date with their cancer screenings.
- Submit medical records to your Blue Shield Quality Program Manager or through Cozeva® for any colorectal cancer screenings completed per the time frame specified above or for any exclusions (e.g., total colectomy) if they are not captured through a claim or encounter.
- Request from your Blue Shield Quality Program Manager a list of members who may need a colorectal cancer screening.

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