



## Colorectal Cancer Screening

Promoting Good Health Through Disease Prevention and Detection 7/10/2025

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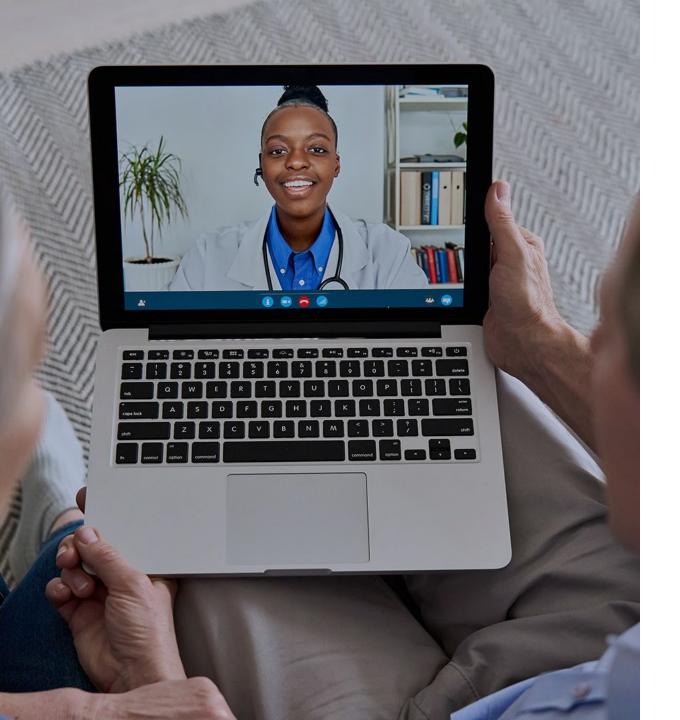


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#### Objective

Provide an overview of Medicare-covered preventive service; colorectal cancer screening

Encourage providers to promote and educate beneficiaries in life-saving preventive services and screenings

Assist providers in billing so that claim denials can be avoided





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#### Agenda

Preventive Services Overview

<u>Colorectal Cancer Screening</u> <u>Coverage</u>

Colorectal Cancer Screening Billing & Coding

Resources & References

**Questions** 







### Preventive Services Overview

#### Preventive Services Overview

- CMS recognizes the importance of disease prevention, early detection and lifestyle modifications that support the health of Medicare beneficiaries
- Medicare pays for over 30 preventive benefits, including
  - Shots and vaccines
  - Wellness visits
  - Diabetes-related services
  - Tests and screenings
  - Mental health services
    - This is not an all-inclusive list





#### Did You Know

 A beneficiary must be enrolled in Medicare Part B to be covered for any Medicare preventive services







#### Medicare Preventive Services: Quick Reference Chart

• MLN® Educational Tool: <u>MLN006559 - Medicare Preventive Services</u>

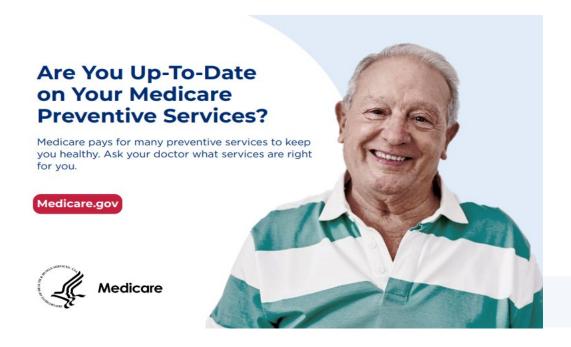






## How Can Medicare Beneficiaries Keep Track of Their Preventive Services?

 Are You Up-To-Date on Your Medicare Preventive Services checklist



- One time "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit—get this visit within the first 12 months you have Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance)
- Yearly "Wellness" visit—get this visit 12 months after your "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit or 12 months after your Part B coverage starts
- ☐ Abdominal aortic aneurysm screenings
- Alcohol misuse screenings & counseling
- Bone mass measurements
- Cardiovascular behavioral therapy
- Cardiovascular disease screenings (cholesterol, lipids, triglycerides)
- □ Cervical & vaginal cancer screenings
- Colorectal cancer screenings
- Counseling to prevent tobacco use & tobaccocaused disease
- COVID-19 vaccines
- Depression screenings

- Diabetes screenings
- Diabetes self-management training
- Flu shots
- Glaucoma screenings
- Hepatitis B shots
- ☐ Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) infection screenings
- Hepatitis C screenings
- HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) screenings
- Lung cancer screenings
- ☐ Mammograms (Breast cancer screenings)
- Medical nutrition therapy services
- Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program
- Obesity behavioral therapy
- Pneumococcal shots
- Prostate cancer screenings
- Sexually transmitted infection screenings & counseling

For more details about Medicare's coverage of preventive services, including your costs in Original Medicare, visit Medicare.gov/publications to view or print the booklet "Your Guide to Medicare Preventive Services."

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# Deductible & Coinsurance for Preventive Services

 Medicare deductible and coinsurance waived for many preventive services

CR 7012, "Waiver of Coinsurance and Deductible for Preventive Services, Section 4104 of Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act, Removal of Barriers to Preventive Services in Medicare"







## Colorectal Cancer Screening Coverage

#### Overview

- Colorectal cancer patients can rarely display any symptoms
  - Cancer can progress unnoticed and untreated
  - Most commonly found in individuals aged 50 or older
- Colorectal screenings are performed to diagnose or determine beneficiary's risk for developing colon cancer
  - May consist of several different screening tests/procedures to identify polyps or colorectal cancer



#### Covered Colorectal Cancer Screening Tests

- Covered colorectal screening tests/procedures
  - Fecal occult blood test (FOBT)
  - Cologuard™ multi-target stool DNA (sDNA) test
  - Blood-based biomarker test
  - Flexible sigmoidoscopy
  - Colonoscopy
  - CT colonography



# Updates to Colorectal Cancer Screening Coverage

- Coverage removed for barium enema as method of screening
  - Service rarely used in Medicare and no longer recommended as evidence-based screening method
- Coverage expanded to include CT colonography

As of 1/1/2025 Implementation 10/6/2025

MLN Matters® <u>MM14031: Updates to Colorectal Cancer</u> <u>Screening & Hepatitis B Vaccine Policies</u>





## Multi-target sDNA and Blood-Based Biomarker Tests

- Patients with Medicare Part B who meet these criteria:
  - Aged 45–85 years
  - Asymptomatic
    - No signs or symptoms of colorectal disease including but not limited to lower gastrointestinal pain, blood in stool, positive guaiac FOBT or fecal immunochemical test (iFOBT)
  - At average colorectal cancer risk



# Screening Colonoscopy, FOBT, Flexible Sigmoidoscopy and CT Colonography

- Patients with Part B who meet at least 1 of these criteria:
  - Aged 45 and older at normal colorectal cancer risk
    - No minimum age requirement for screening colonoscopies
  - At <u>high colorectal cancer risk</u>





#### High-Risk Factors

- Close relative (sibling, parent, or child)
  - Colorectal cancer
  - Adenomatous polyp
- Family history
  - Familial adenomatous polyps
  - Hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer
- Personal history
  - Adenomatous polyps
  - Colorectal cancer
  - Inflammatory bowel disease

42 CFR Section 410.37 Colorectal cancer screening tests: Conditions for and limitations on coverage





#### What Does "Average Risk" Mean?

- No personal history of
  - Adenomatous polyps
  - Colorectal cancer
  - Inflammatory bowel disease
    - Including Crohn's Disease and ulcerative colitis
- No family history of
  - Colorectal cancers
  - Adenomatous polyps
  - Adenomatous polyposis or hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer





#### Follow-Up Screening Tests

- If patient has non-invasive screening test (FOBT or MT-sDNA test) and gets positive result, follow-up colonoscopy covered as screening test
  - Identify colorectal cancer screening by adding KX modifier to screening colonoscopy
  - If lesion/growth detected which results in biopsy/removal, bill appropriate diagnostic procedure classified as "colonoscopy with biopsy or removal", not HCPCS G0105



## Frequency: Patients Not Meeting High-Risk Criteria

Service	Timeframe
MT-sDNA and blood-based biomarker tests	Once every three years
Screening FOBT	Once every 12 months
Screening flexible sigmoidoscopy	<ul> <li>Once every 48 months</li> <li>If patient not high-risk and had screening colonoscopy within past 10 years, screening flexible sigmoidoscopy can be covered only after at least 119 months following month patient had screening colonoscopy</li> </ul>
Screening colonoscopy	Once every 120 months (ten years) or 48 months after last sigmoidoscopy
CT colonography	<ul> <li>After at least 59 months since last screening CT colonography</li> <li>After at least 47 months since last screening flexible sigmoidoscopy or screening colonoscopy</li> </ul>



### Frequency: High-Risk Patients

Service	Timeframe
Screening FOBT	Once every 12 months
Screening flexible sigmoidoscopy	Once every 48 months
Screening colonoscopy	<ul> <li>Once every 24 months</li> <li>If patient had screening flexible sigmoidoscopy then can only be covered after at least 47 months have passed</li> </ul>
CT colonography	After at least 23 months since month patient had their last screening CT colonography or screening colonoscopy



# Examples: Frequency of Colorectal Cancer Screening

- Screening flexible sigmoidoscopy in March 2024 for beneficiary not at high-risk
  - Next eligible to receive covered colorectal cancer screening in March 2028 (after 47 full months passed)
- Screening colonoscopy in June 2024 for beneficiary not at highrisk
  - Next eligible to receive covered colorectal cancer screening in June 2034 (after 119 full months passed)
- Screening FOBT in July 2024 for beneficiary at high-risk
  - Next eligible to receive screening FOBT July 2025 (after 11 full months have passed)



# Colorectal Cancer Screening Billing & Coding

### TOB & Facility Type

ТОВ	Facility Type
12X	Hospital inpatient under Part B
13X	Hospital outpatient
14X	Hospital non-patient lab specimen
22X	SNF inpatient Part B
23X	SNF outpatient
77X	FQHC
83X	ASC
85X	CAH





### Diagnosis Coding

Find current list of ICD-10 codes in <u>210.3 Colorectal Cancer</u>
 <u>Screening coding file</u>





#### Revenue Codes

Screening Test	Revenue Code
FOBT	030X
Cologuard <sup>TM</sup>	030X
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy, Colonoscopy, CT Colonography	036X, 049X, 0519, 075X, or 076X
Blood-Based Biomarker	030X



### HCPCS/CPT Coding<sub>1</sub>

HCPCS/CPT Codes	Description
00812	Anesthesia for lower intestinal endoscopic procedures, endoscope introduced distal to duodenum; screening colonoscopy
74263	CT colonography, screening, including image postprocessing
81528	Colorectal screening, quantitative real-time target and signal amplification of 10 DNA markers (KRAS mutations, promoter methylation of NDRG4 and BMP3) and fecal hemoglobin, utilizing stool
82270	Blood, occult, by peroxidase activity (eg, guaiac), qualitative; feces, consecutive collected specimens with single determination, for colorectal neoplasm screening
0464U	Colorectal) screening, quantitative real-time target and signal amplification, methylated DNA markers, including LASS4, LRRC4 and PPP2R5C, a reference marker ZDHHC1, and a protein marker (fecal hemoglobin), utilizing stool





### HCPCS/CPT Coding 2

HCPCS/CPT Codes	Description
0537U	Oncology (colorectal cancer), analysis of cell-free DNA for epigenomic patterns, next-generation sequencing, >2500 differentially methylated regions (DMRs), plasma
G0104	Colorectal cancer screening; flexible sigmoidoscopy
G0105	Colorectal cancer screening; colonoscopy on individual at high risk
G0121	Colorectal cancer screening; colonoscopy on individual not meeting criteria for high risk
G0327	Colorectal cancer screening; blood-based biomarker
G0328 national government	Colorectal cancer screening; fecal occult blood test, immunoassay, 1-3 simultaneous NGSMT

#### Colonoscopy & Anesthesia

- Report CPT code 00812 for anesthesia service in conjunction with screening colonoscopy
  - Coinsurance and deductible waived
- When screening service becomes diagnostic, report anesthesia services with CPT code 00811
  - Append modifier PT to waive deductible



#### **Moderate Sedation Services**

- Allowed when furnished in conjunction with screening colonoscopy
  - HCPCS code G0500 (moderate sedation services)
  - CPT code 99153 (each additional 15 minutes of intra-service time)
  - Modifier 33 required
    - Coinsurance and deductible waived
  - Modifier PT only required when screening becomes diagnostic colonoscopy
    - Only deductible waived



#### Incomplete Procedures

- Medicare will pay for interrupted colonoscopy as long as coverage criteria met
  - CWF will not apply frequency standards
  - Append modifier 73 or 74
- Method II CAH
  - Append modifier 53 to professional service
    - Revenue code 096X, 097X, or 098X
  - Append modifier 73 or 74 to technical/facility component
    - Revenue code 075X or other appropriate revenue code



### Screening Tests That Become Diagnostic

- Colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, or CT colonography
  - Surgical procedures CPT code range 10000 69999 furnished on same date/encounter
  - Append modifier PT to surgical procedure
  - Do not report screening test HCPCS code
- Part B deductible waived

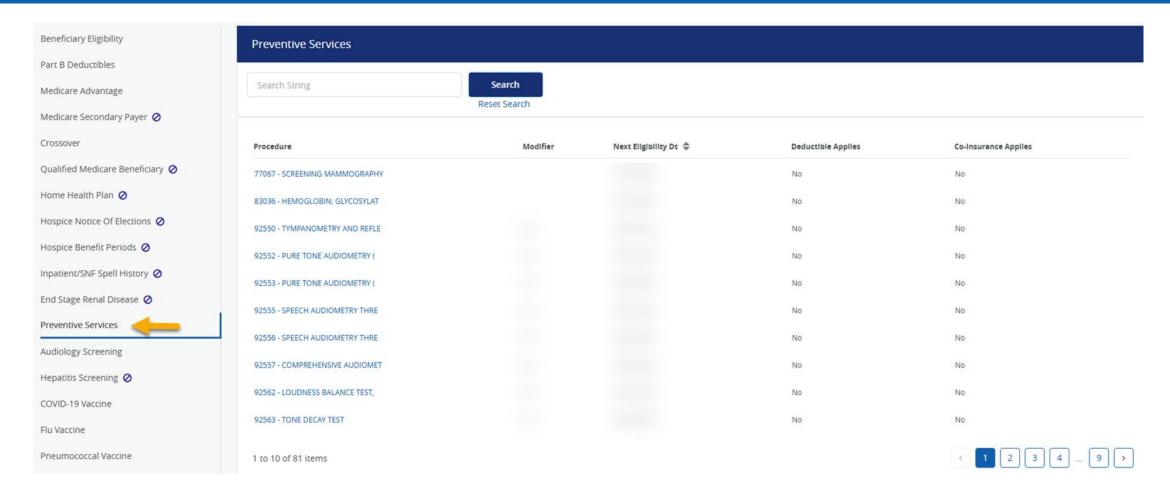




# Why Your Claim Did Not Pay...

- Beneficiary does not meet age requirement
- Beneficiary does not meet criteria for high-risk designation
- Beneficiary exceeded frequency parameters

### NGSConnex Preventive Services Lookup





#### FISS DDE Beneficiary Eligibility Lookup

From Inquiries Submenu (01) choose Beneficiary/CWF (10)

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## FISS DDE Beneficiary Eligibility Lookup

- From initial Eligibility Detail Inquiry screen
  - Enter MBI and hit enter
  - Press PF8 to scroll through various screens until reach Preventive Services screens
    - MAP175J and MAP175M









## Eligibility Detail Inquiry Screen

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## FISS DDE Beneficiary Eligibility Lookup

- All eligibility fields will report
  - Next eligible date when applicable
  - Start date of benefit if service not utilized by beneficiary to date
- If eligibility date not available, will show three or four position alpha code to indicate reason why
  - PTB Beneficiary not entitled to Part B
  - RCVD Beneficiary already received service
  - DOD Beneficiary not eligible due to DOD
  - GDR Beneficiary not eligible due to gender
  - AGE Beneficiary not eligible due to age
  - SRV Beneficiary not eligible for the service
  - VAC Beneficiary already vaccinated
  - 0000 Service not applicable





#### FISS DDE Preventive Services Screen MAP175J

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### What You Should Do Now...

- Share this presentation with internal staff
- Talk to your patients about the importance of taking advantage of Medicare preventive services
- Update internal policies/procedures to include verifying patient's age and eligibility to receive preventive services to avoid claim errors





# Resources & References

#### CMS Resources

- CMS IOM Publications
  - 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15, <u>Section 280.2 Colorectal Cancer Screening</u>
  - 100-03, Medicare National Coverage Determinations (NCD) Manual, Chapter 1
    - Part 3, Section 190.34 Fecal Occult Blood Test
    - Part 4, Section 210.3 Colorectal Cancer Screening Tests
  - 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 18, <u>Section 60 Colorectal Cancer Screening</u>
- MLN Matters® <u>MM14031: Updates to Colorectal Cancer Screening & Hepatitis B Vaccine Policies</u>
- MLN® Educational Tool: <u>MLN006559 Medicare Preventive</u> <u>Services</u>



## CMS Change Requests

- <u>CMS website</u> > Medicare > Regulations & Guidance > Transmittals
  - CR 2996: Coverage of FOBT for Colorectal Cancer Screening
  - CR 5127: <u>Non-application of Deductible for Colorectal Cancer</u> <u>Screening Tests</u>
  - CR 6145: <u>Screening DNA Stool Test for Colorectal Cancer</u>
  - CR 9115: <u>National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Screening for Colorectal Cancer Using Cologuard™ A Multitarget Stool DNA Test</u>
  - CR 10075: <u>Payment for Moderate Sedation Services Furnished with</u> <u>Colorectal Cancer Screening Tests</u>
  - CR 14031: <u>Updates for the MPFS Rule 2025: (1) Updates to Colorectal</u>
     <u>Cancer Screening and Hepatitis B Vaccine Policies</u>



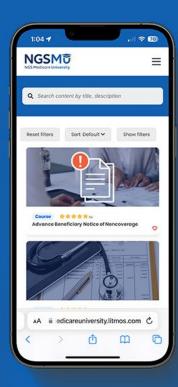
### Additional Resources

- NGS Preventive Services Resource Guide
- <u>42 CFR Section 410.37 Colorectal cancer screening tests:</u> <u>Conditions for and limitations on coverage</u>
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  - Preventive Services Educational Products
  - MLN® Products Catalog
  - Web-based training
- CMS <u>Preventive Services</u> website









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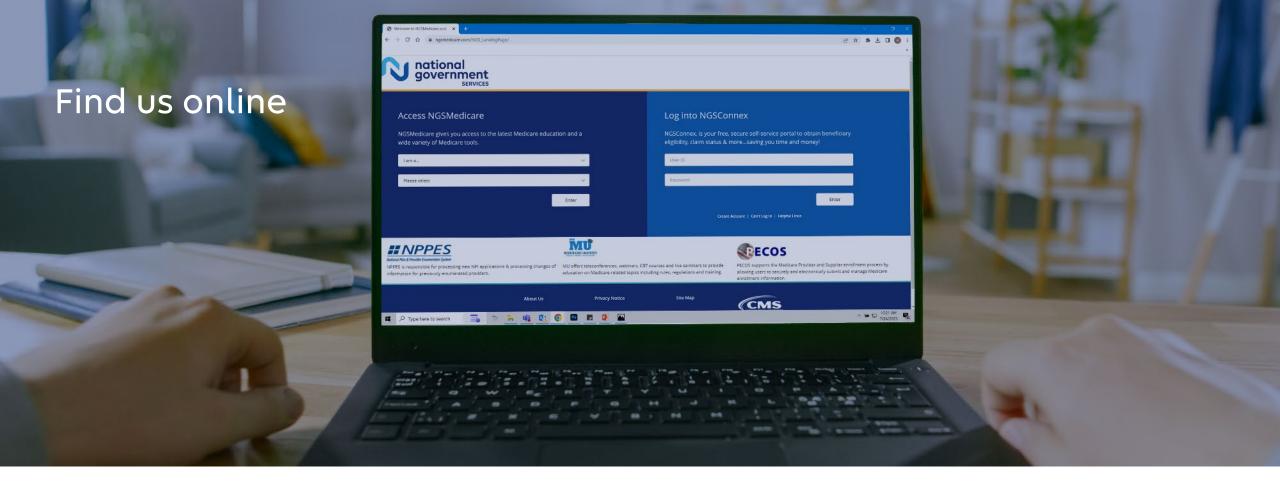














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