

Colorectal Screening (COL)

What We Measure:

This measure focuses on members ages 45 to 75 who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer. Appropriate screenings are defined by one of the following:

- Fecal occult blood test (FOBT) during the measurement year (CPT: 82270, 82274; HCPCS: G0328)
- Fecal immunochemical test (FIT)-DNA (Cologuard®) test during the measurement year or the two prior years. (CPT: 881528)
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy during the measurement year or the four years prior to the measurement year.
- Colonoscopy during the measurement year or the nine prior years.
- Computerized tomography (CT) colonography during the measurement year or the four prior years.

Why It Matters:

When colorectal cancer is detected and treated in the earliest stage, the five-year relative survival rate is 90 percent.

More than one-third of adults ages 50 to 75 don't get the recommended screenings.

Screening asymptomatic adults in this age group can catch polyps before they're cancerous and colorectal cancer in the early stages, when treatment is most effective.

Lines of Business Affected:

● Medicaid, ● Medicare, ● Marketplace



Best Practices and Measure Tip

Colon cancer screening can detect precancerous polyps, which can develop into cancer over time, as well as early cancers. These tests can save your patients lives. Non-invasive colorectal cancer screenings such as Cologuard, a popular at-home screening option, is covered by Home State Health



Tips and Best Practices for Improving COL:

- Discuss the importance of colorectal cancer screenings with members.
- Recommend colorectal cancer screening to all patients 45 to 75.
- If patient is hesitant, discuss different screening options.
- Educate that screening is recommended even if there is no family history of colon cancer.
- Clearly document in the medical record past medical and surgical history, as well as all surgical and diagnostic procedures.
- Include dates and results.
- Use correct diagnosis and procedure codes.
- Timely submission of claims and encounter data.

If you need help locating a health care provider or feel that your patient could benefit from Care Management Services, please call to speak with our staff.

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