



HEDIS® 2021 (MY 2020)

Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL)

We are committed to working with you to improve the quality of care and health outcomes for your patients, our members. The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) tool is used to measure many aspects of performance. This tip sheet details some of the key features of the HEDIS® measures for Colorectal Cancer Screening.

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| Measure Definition | The COL measure evaluates the percentage of adults 50–75 years of age who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer. |
| Lines of Business | Commercial, Medicare |
| HEDIS 2021 Updates | Members who are in palliative care will be excluded from this measure. |
| Required Documentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One or more appropriate screenings for colorectal cancer. Appropriate screenings are defined by one of the following:• FOBT during the measurement year.• Flexible sigmoidoscopy during the measurement year or the four years prior to the measurement year.• Colonoscopy during the measurement year or the nine years prior to the measurement year.• CT colonography (virtual colonoscopy) during the measurement year or the 4 years prior to the measurement year.• FIT-DNA during the measurement year or the 2 years prior to the measurement year. |
| Exclusions | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members who use hospice services or elect to use a hospice benefit, regardless of when the services began in the measurement year.• Members with a diagnosis of colorectal cancer or total colectomy.• Adults 66 years of age and older (as of December 31st of the measurement year) with frailty and an advanced illness diagnoses. |

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| <p>Best Practices: Improving HEDIS Scores</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide ongoing outreach to encourage colorectal cancer screening. • Prepare chart to ensure that the provider orders a colorectal cancer screening at the next office visit. • Check the EMR for open care gaps. • Work with PHW to identify individuals that are due for their colorectal cancer screening and schedule to ensure timely completion. • Use standing orders for colonoscopy and FOBT. • If patient refuses a colonoscopy, order FOBT/FIT-DNA as an alternative. • Provide at-home FOBT colorectal cancer screening kits for use in patients' homes. • Work with your PHW Provider Relations Representative to understand your COL metrics and how to address care gaps. |
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Common Codes*

| Description | Codes |
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| FOBT | CPT: 82270, 82274 HCPCS: G0328 |
| FIT-DNA | CPT: 81528 HCPCS: G0464 |
| CT Colonography | CPT: 74261-74263 |
| Flexible Sigmoidoscopy | CPT: 45330-45335, 45337-45342, 45345-45347, 45349-45350 HCPCS: G0104 |
| Colonoscopy | CPT: 44388-44394, 44397, 44401-44408, 45355, 45378-45393, 45398 |

*codes subject to change