



## Screening Pelvic Examination – JA 6085

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**Contractors Affected**

- Medicare Carriers
- Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)
- Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)

**Provider Types Affected**

Physicians and other providers who bill Medicare Carriers, FIs, and A/B MACs for providing screening pelvic examinations for Medicare beneficiaries



Change Request (CR) 6085 clarifies information in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 18, Section 40, by adding language as displayed below in ***bold and italics***. CR6085 does not provide any change in policy.

“Section 4102 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-33) amended §1861(nn) of the Act (42 USC 1395X(nn)) to include:

- Medicare Part B coverage of screening pelvic examinations (***including a clinical breast examination***) for all female beneficiaries for services provided January 1, 1998, and later; and
- A screening pelvic examination ***with or without specimen collection for smears and cultures***, should include at least seven of the ***following eleven elements***:
  - Inspection and palpation of breasts for masses or lumps, tenderness, symmetry, or nipple discharge; and
  - Digital rectal examination including sphincter tone, presence of hemorrhoids, and rectal masses.

**Provider Needs to Know...**

- External genitalia (for example, general appearance, hair distribution, or lesions);
- Urethral meatus (for example, size, location, lesions, or prolapse);
- Urethra (for example, masses, tenderness, or scarring);
- Bladder (for example, fullness, masses, or tenderness);
- Vagina (for example, general appearance, estrogen effect, discharge, lesions, pelvic support, cystocele, or rectocele);
- Cervix (for example, general appearance, lesions or discharge);
- Uterus (for example, size, contour, position, mobility, tenderness, consistency, descent, or support);
- Adnexa/parametria (for example, masses, tenderness, organomegaly, or nodularity); and
- Anus and perineum.

**Background**

The *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 18 (Preventive and Screening Services), Section 40 (Screening Pelvic Examinations) was not clear on what elements are needed during a screening pelvic examination.

**Operational  
Impact**

N/A

**Reference  
Materials**

The related MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6085.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6085) regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1541CP.pdf> on the CMS website. The updated *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 18, Section 40 is an attachment to CR6085.