

Help Keep Your Medicare Patients Healthy This Summer! CMS asks the provider community to help keep their Medicare patients healthy this summer by encouraging them to take advantage of Medicare-covered preventive services.

Medicare covers a wide variety of preventive services, including screening mammographies, seasonal influenza vaccinations, and screening for certain types of cancer, among other services.

What Can You Do?

Your patients rely upon you as their trusted health-care provider for advice and information to help them live longer, fuller, healthier lives. You can help protect the health of your patients by discussing their risk factors for preventable diseases, and by encouraging them to take advantage of Medicare-covered preventive services for which they qualify.

For More Information

CMS has developed several products to educate providers about Medicare coverage, coding, and claims submission policies related to Medicare-covered preventive services, including:

- **The Medicare Learning Network (MLN) Preventive Services Educational Products Web Page** ~ provides descriptions and ordering information for Medicare Learning Network (MLN) preventive services educational products and resources for health care professionals and their staff. http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/35_PreventiveServices.asp
- **The Guide to Medicare Preventive Services for Physicians, Providers, Suppliers and Other Health Care Professionals** ~ This comprehensive resource contains coverage, coding, and payment information for the many preventive services covered by Medicare. http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/mps_guide_web-061305.pdf
- **Quick Reference Information: Medicare Preventive Services** ~ This chart contains coverage, coding, and payment information for the many preventive services covered by Medicare in an easy-to-use quick-reference format. http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MPS_QuickReferenceChart_1.pdf
- **The Medicare Preventive Services Series: Part 3 Web-Based Training Course (WBT)** ~ This WBT includes lessons on coverage, coding, and billing for several Medicare-covered preventive services, including screening mammography, pap tests, and pelvic exams. To access the WBT, please visit the MLN homepage at: <http://www.cms.gov/mlngeninfo> Scroll down to “Related Links Inside CMS” and click on “WBT Modules”
- **The Preventive Services Educational Products PDF** ~ This PDF document contains links to downloadable versions of the many products the MLN has available related to Medicare-covered preventive services, including brochures, quick reference guides, and more. http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/Downloads/education_products_prevserv.pdf

- **The Preventive Services Resources CD** ~ This CD Rom contains The Guide to Medicare Preventive Services, 3 quick reference charts, and 7 brochures on one easy to use CD Rom. To order the CD, and other products that are available in hardcopy, please visit the MLN homepage at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mlngeninfo> in the internet. Scroll down to “Related Links Inside CMS” and click on “MLN Product Ordering Page”

Thank you for helping CMS improve the health of patients with Medicare by joining in the effort to educate beneficiaries about the importance of early detection of various diseases by taking advantage of the screenings and other preventive services covered by Medicare.