

## Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> is National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day

Please join the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in recognizing the 4th annual National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day (NHAAD). NHAAD focuses on the challenging issues facing the aging population with regard to HIV prevention, testing, care, and treatment. CMS reminds healthcare providers that Medicare now provides coverage for certain HIV screening tests under Medicare Part B for eligible Medicare beneficiaries, subject to certain eligibility and other limitations.

### *What Can You Do?*

In an effort to continually expand awareness about HIV/AIDS among the aging population, CMS asks that you help seniors and others with Medicare who may be at increased risk for HIV, to understand their risk factors for HIV and encourage HIV screening, as appropriate. Eligible beneficiaries who meet certain increased risk criteria may receive HIV screenings covered by Medicare at no cost to them (no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible). *Please note: beneficiaries with any known prior diagnosis of HIV-related illness are not eligible for this screening test.*

### *For More Information*

- [CMS National Coverage Determination – National Coverage Analysis for Screening for HIV](#)
- [MLN Guide to Medicare Preventive Services](#) for healthcare professionals (see Chapter 13)
- [MLN Matters Article MM6786, “Screening for HIV”](#)
- [MLN’s “HIV Screening” Brochure](#) for healthcare professionals
- [US Preventive Services Task Force \(USPSTF\) – Screening for HIV Recommendation Statement](#)
- [Department of Health & Human Services – National HIV Testing](#)
- [The AIDS Institute’s website section on NHAAD](#)

Thank you for joining CMS in educating beneficiaries about the importance of taking advantage of HIV/AIDS screening coverage.