

April is National Cancer Control Month. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reminds health care professionals that Medicare provides coverage for certain cancer screenings. These screenings can help detect cancer in its earliest stages when outcomes are most favorable.

Medicare Covered Cancer Screenings

- Screening mammographies,
- Screening pap tests,
- Screening pelvic examination,
- Colorectal cancer screening, and
- Prostate cancer screening

For More Information

- CMS has developed a variety of educational products and resources to help health care professionals and their staff become familiar with coverage, coding, billing, and reimbursement for cancer screenings covered by Medicare.
 - **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
 - **Cancer Screenings Brochure** ~ This brochure provides health care professionals with an overview of cancer screenings covered by Medicare.
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/Cancer_Screening.pdf
 - **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, including cancer screenings.
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, including cancer screenings, 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 Medicare-covered cancer screenings. To access the WBT, please visit the MLN homepage at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mlngeninfo> Scroll down to “Related Links Inside CMS” and click on “WBT Modules”
 - To order hard copies of certain MLN products, including the Cancer Screenings brochure and the Quick Reference Information chart, please visit the MLN homepage at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mlngeninfo> Scroll down to “Related Links Inside CMS” and click on “MLN Product Ordering Page”
- For more information about National Cancer Control Month, please visit the American Cancer Society’s homepage at www.cancer.org

Thank you for helping CMS improve the health of patients with Medicare by joining in the effort to educate eligible beneficiaries about the importance of taking advantage of cancer screening services and other preventive services covered by Medicare.