



September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is asking the provider community to keep their patients with Medicare healthy by encouraging them to take advantage of Medicare-covered prostate cancer screenings.

Medicare provides coverage for digital rectal exams (DREs) and prostate specific antigen tests (PSAs) for qualified beneficiaries.

What Can You Do?

As a health care professional who provides care to patients with Medicare, you can help protect the health of your Medicare patients by encouraging them to take advantage of Medicare-covered screenings, including prostate cancer screenings, that are appropriate for them.

For More Information

CMS has developed several educational products related to Medicare-covered prostate cancer screenings. They are all available, free of charge, from the Medicare Learning Network®:

- **The MLN Preventive Services Educational Products Web Page** ~ provides descriptions and ordering information for Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) educational products for health care professionals related to Medicare-covered preventive services, including prostate cancer screening.
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/35_PreventiveServices.asp
- **The Guide to Medicare Preventive Services for Physicians, Providers, Suppliers, and Other Health Care Professionals** ~ provides coverage and coding information on Medicare-covered preventive services and screenings, including prostate cancer screening.
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/mps_guide_web-061305.pdf
- **Quick Reference Information: Medicare Preventive Services** ~ this chart provides coverage and coding information on Medicare-covered preventive services, including prostate cancer screenings.
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MPS_QuickReferenceChart_1.pdf
- **The Medicare Preventive Services Series: Part 3 Web-Based-Training (WBT) course**~ this WBT includes lessons on coverage, coding, and billing for Medicare-covered preventive services, including prostate cancer screenings. To access the course, please visit the MLN home page at <http://www.cms.gov/mlngeninfo> on the internet. Scroll down to “Related Links Inside CMS” and click on “Web Based Training (WBT) Modules”.
- **The Cancer Screenings brochure**~ this brochure provides information on coverage for Medicare-covered cancer screenings, including prostate cancer screenings.
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/cancer_screening.pdf

Please visit the [Medicare Learning Network](#) for more information on these and other Medicare fee-for-service educational products.

For more information on Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, please visit Zero- The Project to End Prostate Cancer at <http://www.zerocancer.org/index.html> on the internet.

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