

**September 26<sup>th</sup> is World Heart Day.** 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 preventive services.

Medicare provides coverage for several Preventive Services to help keep patients with Medicare healthy, including cardiovascular screenings, ultrasound screening for abdominal aortic aneurysms (AAA), and smoking and tobacco-use cessation counseling for eligible 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 preventive services that are appropriate for them.

### **For More Information**

CMS has developed several educational products related to Medicare-covered preventive services. 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.  
[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/35\\_PreventiveServices.asp](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 comprehensive coverage and coding information on Medicare-covered preventive services.  
[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/mps\\_guide\\_web-061305.pdf](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.  
[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MPS\\_QuickReferenceChart\\_1.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MPS_QuickReferenceChart_1.pdf)
- **The Expanded Benefits brochure**~ this brochure provides information on coverage for cardiovascular screening blood tests and AAA screening.  
[http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/Expanded\\_Benefits.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/Expanded_Benefits.pdf)
- **The Smoking and Tobacco-Use Cessation brochure**~ this brochure provides information on coverage for smoking and tobacco-use cessation services.  
<http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/smoking.pdf>
- **The Medicare Preventive Services Series: Part 2 Web-Based Training Course (WBT)** ~ This WBT includes lessons on coverage, coding, and billing for several Medicare-covered preventive services, including cardiovascular screening blood tests, AAA screening, and smoking and tobacco-use cessation counseling. To access the WBT, please visit the MLN homepage at: <http://www.cms.gov/mlngeninfo> on the internet. Scroll down to “Related Links Inside CMS” and click on “WBT Modules”

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

For more information on World Heart Day, please visit <http://www.worldheart.org> on the internet.

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