

June 7th is National Cancer Survivors Day. In honor of the millions of Americans who are living with a history of cancer, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reminds the Medicare provider community of the many cancer screenings that Medicare covers. Early detection and treatment of cancer can help Medicare patients live longer, healthier lives.

What Can You Do?

As a health care professional who provides care to seniors and others with Medicare, you can help protect the health of your Medicare patients who may be at risk for cancer by educating them about their risk factors and reminding them of the importance of getting the preventive cancer screenings covered by Medicare.

For More Information

CMS has developed several educational products related to Medicare-covered preventive services, including screenings for various forms of cancer. Please visit the [Medicare Learning Network](#) for more information, including the following cancer-screening pages:

- The 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 tri-fold brochure provides health care professionals with an overview of Medicare's coverage of cancer screening tests, including screening mammographies, screening pap tests, screening pelvic exams, colorectal screenings, and prostate cancer screenings.
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/cancer_screening.pdf
- Quick Reference Information: Medicare Preventive Services ~ This double-sided chart provides coverage and coding information on Medicare-covered cancer screenings.
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MPS_QuickReferenceChart_1.pdf

Thank you for helping CMS improve the health of Medicare beneficiaries who are at risk for cancer by joining in the effort to educate beneficiaries about cancer, and the importance of early detection by taking advantage of the cancer screenings covered by Medicare.