

May is Older Americans Month ~ Please join with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in promoting increased awareness of Medicare-covered preventive services that can help older Americans live longer, fuller, healthier lives.

Medicare provides coverage for a variety preventive screenings. These screenings can help older Americans with Medicare stay healthy and detect conditions like cancer, glaucoma, and cardiovascular disease early when treatment works best.

CMS recognizes the crucial role the Medicare provider community plays in promoting and providing their patients to about potentially life-saving preventive services. Therefore, we have created a number of products available free of charge to help you educate yourselves and your patients about Medicare-covered preventive services, including:

- 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
- Preventive Services Brochures ~ provide information on bone mass measurements, cancer and glaucoma screenings, diabetes-related services, and expanded benefits.
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/Downloads/education_products_prevserv.pdf (scroll down to “Brochures” and choose the link for the brochure you’re interested in)
- Quick Reference Guides ~ provide additional information about initial preventive physical exams, immunization billing, and other preventive services.
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/Downloads/education_products_prevserv.pdf (scroll down to “Quick Reference Information” and choose the link for the brochure you’re interested in)

Thank you for your support in helping CMS spread the word about the benefits of Medicare-covered preventive series that can help older Americans live longer, healthier lives.