

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 annual 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 seniors and others with Medicare, you can help protect the health of your Medicare patients by educating them about their risk factors and reminding them of the importance of getting screenings that are appropriate for them.

For More Information

CMS has developed several educational products related to Medicare-covered prostate cancer screenings:

- The Guide to Medicare Preventive Services for Physicians, Providers, Suppliers, and Other Health Care Professionals ~ provides coverage and coding information on the array of preventive services and screenings that Medicare covers, including prostate cancer screening. http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/mps_guide_web-061305.pdf
- The MLN Preventive Services Educational Products Web Page ~ provides descriptions and ordering information for Medicare Learning Network (MLN) preventive services educational products, including Medicare-covered prostate cancer screenings, and resources for health care professionals and their staff. http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/35_PreventiveServices.asp
- Quick Reference Information: Medicare Preventive Services ~ this double-sided 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
- Cancer Screenings brochure~ this brochure provides information on coverage for Medicare-covered cancer screenings, including screenings for prostate cancer. 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.

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.