

February is National Heart Month!

February is National Heart Month and CMS wants to take this opportunity to remind health care professionals that Medicare beneficiaries are covered for certain cardiovascular screening blood tests. These tests are used for the early detection of cardiovascular disease or abnormalities associated with an elevated risk of heart disease and stroke, and include:

- Total Cholesterol Test
- Cholesterol Test for High-density Lipoproteins
- Triglycerides Test

This benefit presents a new opportunity for health care professionals to help Medicare beneficiaries learn if they have an increased risk of developing heart disease. CMS needs your help to get the word out about the cardiovascular screening blood tests. We hope that you will encourage your eligible Medicare patients to take advantage of this potentially life saving benefit.

To assist you in this effort, CMS has developed a variety of educational resources about the many preventive services and screenings covered by Medicare. Products include:

- The Guide to Medicare Preventive Services for Physicians, Providers, Suppliers, and Other Health Care Professionals ~ (available in print or as a download)
- Quick Reference Information: Medicare Preventive Services ~ two-sided quick reference chart to Medicare preventive services and screenings (available in print or as a download)
- Brochures ~ Expanded Benefits, Bone Mass Measurements, Cancer Screenings, Glaucoma Screening, and Adult Immunizations (available in print or as a download)
- Medicare Preventive Services Resources CD ROM ~ contains “The Guide”, Quick Reference chart, and five brochures listed above
- Determining a Medicare Beneficiary’s Eligibility for Medicare Preventive Services (available as a download only)
- Medicare Preventive Services Series Web-based Training Courses
- Flu Billing Made Easy Video

These products are available, free of charge, from the Medicare Learning Network Medlearn Products web page located at www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearnProducts on the CMS website and may be reprinted or redistributed as needed. Print copies of products may be ordered by clicking on the link to the **Medlearn Products Ordering Page** at the link above.