

Breast Cancer Screening (BCS)

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HEDIS measure

Working together, we can improve health outcomes for your patients, our members. The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) helps us measure many aspects of performance. This tip sheet provides key details on the HEDIS measure for breast cancer screening.

What is the measure?

The percentage of eligible members who have had a breast cancer screening within the last two years.

Eligible members

Female patients 50 to 74 years of age who have had one or more bilateral mammograms (screening, diagnostic, film, digital, digital breast tomosynthesis) to screen for breast cancer between October 1, 2021, and December 31, 2023.

Note: Do not count breast biopsies, ultrasounds, and magnetic resonance imaging performed for diagnostic purposes.

Exclusions:

- Bilateral mastectomy or two unilateral mastectomies any time in their history:
 - Absence of the right breast — ICD-10: Z90.11
 - Absence of left breast — ICD-10: Z90.12
 - History of bilateral mastectomy — ICD-10: Z90.13
 - Unilateral mastectomy — CPT®: 19180, 19200, 19220, 19240, 19303-19307
 - Unilateral mastectomy, right — ICD-10-PCS: 0HTT0ZZ
 - Unilateral mastectomy, left — ICD-10-PCS: 0HTU0ZZ
- Patients 66 years of age and older who are enrolled in an Institutional Special Needs Plan (I-SNP) or living long term in an institution during 2023
- Patients 66 years of age and older with advanced illness during 2022 and/or 2023 and frailty during 2022
- Death

Required:

- Members in hospice or using hospice services anytime during 2023
- Members receiving palliative care during 2023

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Closing the gap

Documentation needed:

- Record of any mammogram performed from October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023
- Documentation in provider notes and/or medical history of mammogram with date performed
 - CPT: 77061, 77062, 77063, 77065, 77066, 77067
 - HCPCS: G0202, G0204, G0206

Note: Two patient identifiers are required.

Best practices:

- Educate female patients about the importance of breast cancer screening at least every other year.
- Provide a list of mammography testing facilities, mobile mammography units, and assist in making appointments.
- Document date of last screening mammogram at the annual visit.
- Document bilateral or unilateral mastectomies.
- Scan mammography report into the medical record.
- Best practice outreach to patients: phone calls, email, text, and letters.
- Display posters in waiting and examination rooms to encourage women to ask about or get a mammogram. Have educational materials readily available.
- Add ticklers to electronic medical records (EMR) for advanced illness and frailty exclusions.

Let's work together:

- Supplemental data submission: secure file transfer protocol, record submission, secure facsimile, secure email, remote or on-site chart collection
- Regional provider services: health and member expositions, collaborative letters, health promotion consultant-assisted calls, provider challenges, HEDIS, STARS, and risk training seminars, member barrier surveys, HEDIS subject matter expert (SME) chart review via remote EMR access or on-site chart collection, mobile mammography, clinic days, and more*
- Corporate interventions: gap-in-care reminders, outbound calls, homebound services, and more*
- Member incentives*

* Please contact your Provider Relations representative to learn about resources available for 2023.

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