

Reminder – Colorectal Cancer Screening

This communication applies to the Medicaid programs for Simply Healthcare Plans, Inc. (Simply) and Clear Health Alliance (CHA) as well as the Medicare Advantage program for Simply.

Colorectal cancer represents 8% of all new cancer cases and is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. Screening can be effective for finding precancerous lesions (polyps) that could later become malignant, and for detecting early cancers that can be more easily and effectively treated. However, in 2016, 26% of eligible adults in the U.S. had never been screened for colorectal cancer, and in 2018, 31% were not up to date with screening.¹

We need your help to ensure your patients, our members, are up to date with their colorectal screenings. This bulletin provides an overview of the colorectal cancer screening HEDIS® measure, information on how to order Cologuard tests and additional resources.

HEDIS – Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL) measure

The percentage of members 45 to 75 years of age who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer. Screenings are defined by one of the following:

- Fecal occult blood test (FOBT) during the measurement year.
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy during the measurement year or the four years prior to the measurement year.
- Colonoscopy during the measurement year or the nine years prior to the measurement year.
- CT colonography during the measurement year or the four years prior to the measurement year.
- Stool DNA (sDNA) with FIT test during the measurement year or the two years prior to the measurement year.

Note: If there is a positive test result/screening, the patient may need a follow up colonoscopy.

Cologuard ordering options:

1. Get started by registering at epiccarelink.exactscienceslabs.com to place orders and receive results quickly and efficiently.
2. Leverage your electronic health record (EHR) or lab ordering workflow to place orders and receive results
3. Download an order form and fax it to **844-870-8875**.

For more information on these ordering options and to download an order form, visit

<https://www.cologuardhcp.com/resources/how-to-order>. Visit <https://www.cologuardhcp.com/resources> for additional Cologuard resources.

¹ USPSTF. 2021. "Screening for Colorectal Cancer: US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement." *JAMA* 325(19): 1965-1977. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.6238

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