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MEDICARE STARS

Convenient Bone Density Screening Options for BlueMedicare Patients

We're making it easy and convenient for our BlueMedicareSM (Medicare Advantage) female members to get a bone density screening (bone mineral density or BMD test). For our members who need this screening and meet the requirements for the osteoporosis HEDIS Stars measure, we're offering two convenient screening options, including an in-home screening, at *no additional charge*. [Learn more>>](#)

Updated Stars Reference Information

We've updated our *Stars Reference Guide* and *Stars Clinical Documentation Cue Sheet* to include 2018 HEDIS changes to Stars measures. In addition, we've updated two Stars tip sheets with the latest 2018 information. Be sure to use the codes and documentation information in these updated documents:

[Stars Reference Guide>>](#)

[Stars Clinical Documentation Cue Sheet>>](#)

[Breast Cancer Screening Tip Sheet>>](#)

[Statin Use in Patients with Cardiovascular Disease Tip Sheet>>](#)

PHARMACY

Important Reminder: Supply Limit and Preauthorization Requirements for Opioids

On October 1, 2017, we implemented a seven-day limit for short-acting (immediate release) opioids for opioid naïve patients. Use of short-acting opioids beyond the seven-day limit requires preauthorization. [Learn more>>](#)

Preauthorization Changes for Suboxone Film and Generic Suboxone and Subutex Tablets

Effective April 1, 2018, we no longer require preauthorization for Suboxone (Buprenorphine/Naloxone) film, Buprenorphine/Naloxone tablets and Buprenorphine tablets. [Learn more>>](#)
