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## Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL)

Let's work together to improve health outcomes. The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) helps us measure many aspects of performance. This tip sheet details key points of the featured HEDIS measure.

### What is the measure?

This measure focuses on members age 50 to 75 who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer. Appropriate 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.
- Computerized tomography (CT) colonography during the measurement year or four years prior.
- Fecal immunochemical test (FIT)-DNA (Cologuard®) test during the measurement year or two years prior.

### How to Improve Your Score

- Discuss the importance of colorectal cancer screening and ensure your patients are up-to-date with their colorectal cancer screening.
- Clearly document past medical and surgical history in the medical record, include dates and results.
- Clearly document all surgical and diagnostic procedures in the medical record, include dates and results.
- Use correct diagnosis and procedure codes.
- Submit claims and encounter data in a timely manner.

### Acceptable Forms of Documentation

- Documentation in the medical record must include a note indicating the date the colorectal cancer screening was performed. A result is NOT required if the documentation is clearly part of the patient's medical history section of the record. If this is not clear, the result or findings must also be present. This ensures that the screening was performed and not merely ordered.
- Member-reported colorectal cancer screenings are acceptable if the screening is documented in the patient's medical history (e.g., member reports colonoscopy in 2015 was normal).

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### Acceptable Forms of Documentation *(continued)*

- A pathology report that indicates the type of screening (e.g., colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy) and the date the screening was performed
- A certain number of samples are required for numerator compliance depending on which type of FOBT test is used: guaiac (gFOBT) or immunochemical (FIT). To determine member compliance, follow these steps:
  1. If the medical record does not indicate the type of test and there is no indication of how many samples were returned, assume the required number was returned, and the member meets the screening criteria for inclusion in the numerator.
  2. If the medical record does not indicate the type of test and the number of returned samples is specified, the member meets the screening criteria only if three or more samples are specified. If there are fewer than three samples, the member does not meet the screening criteria for inclusion.
  3. FIT tests may require fewer than three samples. If the medical record indicates that FIT was done, the member meets the screening criteria regardless of how many samples were returned.
  4. If the medical record indicates that a gFOBT was done, follow these scenarios:
    - ◆ If the medical record does not indicate the number of returned samples, assume the required number was returned, and the member meets the screening criteria for inclusion in the numerator.
    - ◆ If the medical record indicates that three or more samples were returned, the member meets the screening criteria for inclusion in the numerator.

### Unacceptable Forms of Documentation

Documentation of a FOBT test performed in an office setting or performed on a sample collected via DRE does **not** count as evidence of a colorectal cancer screening because this test is not specific enough to screen for colorectal cancer.

### Exclusions

- Colorectal cancer any time during the member's history through December 31 of the measurement year.
- Total colectomy any time during the member's history through December 31 of the measurement year.
- Members age 66 and older as of December 31 of the measurement year with frailty and advanced illness. **Note:** Members must meet **both** frailty *and* advanced illness criteria to be excluded.
- Hospice care during the measurement year.

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### Exclusions Codes

#### Colorectal Cancer:

**ICD-10:** C18.0-C18.9; C19, C20, C21.2, C21.8, C78.5, Z85.038, Z85.048

**ICD-9:** 153.0-154.1, 197.5, V10.05, V10.06

**HCPCS:** G0213-G0215, G0231

#### Total Colectomy:

**CPT:** 44150-44153, 44155-44158, 44210-44212

**ICD-10:** 0DTE0ZZ, 0DTE4ZZ, 0DTE7ZZ, 0DTE8ZZ

**ICD-9:** 45.81-45.83

### Coding

#### FOBT:

**CPT:** 82270, 82274

**HCPCS:** G0328

#### Flexible sigmoidoscopy:

**CPT:** 45330 – 45335, 45337-45342, 45345-45347, 45349, 45350

**HCPCS:** G0104

**ICD-9:** 45.24

#### Colonoscopy:

**CPT:** 44388 – 44394, 44397, 44401-44408, 45355, 45378- 45393, 45398

**HCPCS:** G0105, G0121

**ICD-9:** 45.22, 45.23, 45.25, 45.42, 45.43

#### CT Colonography:

**CPT:** 74261-74263

#### FIT-DNA:

**CPT:** 81528

**HCPCS:** G0464

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### Coding (continued)

#### Advanced Illness:

##### ICD-10:

A81.00, A81.01, A81.09, C25.0-C25.4, C25.7-C25.9, C71.0-C71.9, C77.0-C77.5, C77.8, C77.9, C78.00, C78.01, C78.02, C78.1- C78.2, C78.39, C78.4-C78.7, C78.30, C78.80, C79.40, C78.89, C79.00, C79.01-C79.02, C79.10, C79.11, C79.19, C79.2, C79.31, C79.32, C79.40, C79.49, C79.51-C79.52, C79.60-C79.62, C79.70-C79.72, C79.81-C79.82, C79.89, C79.9, C91.00-C91.02, C92.00, C92.02, C93.00, C93.02, C93.90, C93.92, C93.Z0, C93.Z2, C94.30, C94.32, F01.50, F01.51, F02.80, F02.81, F03.90, F03.91, F04, F10.27, F10.96, F10.97, G10, G12.21, G20, G30.0, G30.1, G30.8, G30.9, G31.01, G31.09, G31.83, I09.81, I11.0, I12.0, I13.0, I13.11, I13.2, I50.1, I50.20, I50.21, I50.22, I50.23, I50.30, I50.31, I50.32, I50.33, I50.40-I50.43, I50.810-I50.814, I50.82-I50.84, I50.89, I50.9, J43.0-J43.2, J43.8, J43.9, J68.4, J84.10, J84.112, J84.17, J96.10-J96.12, J96.20-J96.22, J96.90- J96.92, J98.2, J98.3, K70.10, K70.11, K70.2, K70.30, K70.31, K70.40, K70.41, K70.9, K74.0-K74.2, K74.4-K74.5, K74.60, K74.69, L89.000-L89.004, L89.006, L89.009-L89.014, L89.019-L89.024, L89.026, L89.029, L89.100-L89.104, L89.106, L89.109-L89.114, L89.119-L89.124, L89.126, L89.129-L89.134, L89.136, L89.139, L89.144, L89.146, L89.149-L89.154, L89.156, L89.159, L89.200-L89.204, L89.206, L89.209- L89.214, L89.216, L89.219-L89.224, L89.226, L89.229-L89.224, L89.229, L89.300 -L89.304, L89.306, L89.309-L89.314, L89.316, L89.319-L89.324, L89.326, L89.329, L89.40-L89.46, L89.500-L89.504, L89.506, L89.509-L89.514, L89.516, L89.519-L89.524, L89.526, L89.529, L89.600-L89.604, L89.606, L89.609-L89.614, L89.616, L89.619, L89.624, L89.626, L89.629, L89.810-L89.814, L89.816, L89.819, L89.890-L89.894, L89.896, L89.899, L89.90-L89.96, N18.5, N18.6

#### Frailty:

**CPT:** 99504, 99509

#### HCPCS:

E0100, E0105, E0130, E0135, E0140-E0144, E0147-E0149, E0163, E0165, E0167, E0168, E0170, E0171, E0250, E0251, E0255, E0256, E0260, E0261, E0265, E0266, E0270, E0290, E0291-E0297, E0301-E0304, E0424, E0425, E0430, E0431, E0433, E0434, E0435, E0439, E0440- E0444, E0462, E0465, E0466, E0470, E0471, E0472, E0561, E0562, E1130, E1140, E1150, E1160, E1161, E1240, E1250, E1260, E1270, E1280, E1285, E1290, E1295-E1298, G0162, G0299, G0300, G0493, G0494, S0271, S0311, S9123, S9124, T1000-T1005, T1019-T1022, T1030, T1031

#### ICD-10:

L89.119, L89.139, L89.149, L89.159, L89.209, L89.309, L89.899, L89.90, M62.50, M62.81, M62.84, R26.0, R26.1, R26.2, R26.89, R26.9, R41.81, R53.1, R53.81, R53.83, R54, R62.7, R63.4, R63.6, R64, W01.0XXA, W01.0XXD, W01.0XXS, W01.10XA, W01.10XD, W01.10XS, W01.110A, W01.110D, W01.110S, W01.111A, W01.111D, W01.111S, W01.118A, W01.118D, W01.118S, W01.119A, W01.119D, W01.119S, W01.190A, W01.190D, W01.190S, W01.198.A, W01.198D, W01.198S, W06.XXXA, W06.XXXD, W06.XXXS, W07.XXXA, W07.XXXD, W07.XXXS, W08.XXXA, W08.XXXD, W08.XXXS, W10.0XXA, W10.0XXD, W10.0XXS, W10.1XXA, W10.1XXD, W10.1XXS, W10.2XXA, W10.2XXD, W10.2XXS, W10.8XXA, W10.8XXD, W10.8XXS, W10.9XXA, W10.9XXD, W10.9XXS, W18.00XA, W18.00XD, W18.00XS, W18.02XA, W18.02XD, W18.02XS, W18.09XA, W18.09XD, W18.09XS, W18.11XA, W18.11XD, W18.11XS, W18.12XA, W18.12XD, W18.12XS, W18.2XXA, W18.2XXD, W18.2XXS, W18.30XA, W18.30XD, W18.30XS, W18.31XA, W18.31XD, W18.31XS, W18.39XA, W18.39XD, W18.39XS, W19.XXXA, W19.XXXD, W19.XXXS, Y92.199, Z59.3, Z73.6, Z74.01, Z74.09, Z74.1, Z74.2, Z74.3, Z74.8, Z74.9, Z91.81, Z99.11, Z99.3, Z99.81, Z99.89

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