

Breast Cancer Screening (BCS)

Performance Measure Set: CCO Incentive Metric Medicare Star Measure Quality

Measurement Type: Structure Process Outcome Patient Experience

Data Type: Claims Chart Documentation eCQM Survey Other

HEDIS Benchmarks National Percentile: 76% (75th), 82% (90th)

Who: Female patients between the ages of 52 and 74.

Why: Preventative screenings for breast cancer help detect breast cancer in women who have no signs or symptoms of the disease. Early detection and treatment of breast cancer can greatly improve patient outcomes.

What: One or more mammograms any time between October 1 of the two years prior to the measurement year through December 31 of the measurement year. For example, for the 2019 measurement year, the qualifying period is October 1, 2017–December 31, 2019.

How: Methods of mammograms that qualify include primary screening, film, digital or digital breast tomosynthesis.

Exclusions: Women 60–80 years of age as identified by the LTI flag; members with advanced illness or frailty; women who have had a bilateral mastectomy or history of a bilateral mastectomy; evidence of a right and a left unilateral mastectomy; or patients in hospice or using hospice services.

Tip: For women who have a bilateral mastectomy or history of a bilateral mastectomy, be sure to document in the Problem List and Health Maintenance sections to ensure that they will be excluded from the measure.

Coding:

CPT: 77055-77057, 77061–77063, 77065-77067, HCPCS: G0202, G0204, G0206

Breast Cancer Screening (BCS) FAQs

Q: Do biopsies, breast ultrasounds, MRIs or tomosynthesis (3D mammography) count as a primary mammography screening?

A: No. Although diagnostic procedures are sometimes performed as an adjunct to mammography for women at higher risk of breast cancer, MRIs, ultrasounds, or biopsies alone do not count.

Q: Is a physician order required for a mammography screening?

A: No. A physician can refer a member for a screening based on age criteria and health status, however, a member can schedule a mammogram without a physician's order.

Q: How do I close the referral loop?

A: Check to see that the mammogram report is in the medical record and update the Health Maintenance Summary section.