

HEDIS Provider Guide: Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL-E)

Measure Description

The percentage of members 45–75 years of age who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer.

Clinical Recommendations:

Annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOBT: Fecal Occult Blood Test • FIT: Fecal Immunochemical Test
Every 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sDNA FIT: Multitargeted stool DNA with Fecal Immunochemical Test
Every 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CT colonography • Flexible sigmoidoscopy
Every 10 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colonoscopy • Flexible sigmoidoscopy every 10 years, with FIT every year

Note: A higher rate indicates better performance.

Exclusions: Members in hospice or who receive palliative care (ICD-10-CM code Z51.5). Members who had colorectal cancer or a total colectomy any time during the member's history through 12/31 of the measurement year.

Using Correct Billing Codes

Codes to Identify a Colorectal Cancer Screening	
Description	Coding
Colonoscopy	CPT: 44388-44392, 44394, 44401-44408, 45378-45382, 45384-45386, 45388-45393, 45398 HCPCS: G0105, G0121
CT Colonography (Virtual Colonoscopy)	CPT: 74261-74263 LOINC: 60515-4, 72531-7, 79069-1, 79071-7, 79101-2, 82688-3
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	CPT: 45330-45335, 45337, 45338, 45340-45342, 45346, 45347, 45349, 45350 HCPCS: G0104
FOBT Lab Test	CPT: 82270, 82274 HCPCS: G0328 LOINC: 12503-9, 12504-7, 14563-1, 14564-9, 14565-6, 2335-8, 27396-1, 27401-9, 27925-7, 27926-5, 29771-3, 56490-6, 56491-4, 57905-2, 58453-2, 80372-6
sDNA FIT Lab Test (Stool Test)	CPT: 81528 LOINC: 77353-1, 77354-9

How to Improve HEDIS® Scores

- Educate patients about the importance of early detection and encourage testing.
- Engage patients in discussion of their fears about colorectal cancer screenings and let them know there are multiple test options, and they are less uncomfortable than in the past.
- Schedule a colorectal cancer screening for the patient or send/give the patient a referral if needed.
- Provide FOBT or FIT kits to members to complete screening in the comfort of their house and review instructions with patients.
- Contact patients who cancel or miss appointments; assist with rescheduling.
- Make every office visit count. Use every visit to review if patients are up-to-date with their cancer screenings.
- Request a focused list of members who need a colorectal cancer screening from your Blue Shield Promise Quality Program Manager.

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