HEDIS® Measures 2018 Tips: Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL)

Measure Description

The percentage of members 50-74 years of age who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer. The following screenings are compliant of colorectal cancer screening:

- o Fecal occult blood test gFOBT or iFOBT <u>with required number of samples for each test</u> during the measurement year.
- o Flexible sigmoidoscopy during the measurement year or four years prior to the measurement year.
- o Colonoscopy during the measurement year or nine years prior to the measurement year.
- o CT colonography during the measurement year or four years prior to the measurement year.
- o FIT-DNA (Cologuard) during the measurement year or two years prior to the measurement year.
    - o Note: Cologuard will be covered by BCBSMT as of 8/1/2018.

Note: Digital rectal exam (DRE) and FOBT tests performed in an office or performed on a sample collected via a DRE do not meet criteria.

Exclusions

Patients with either of the following any time during the member's history through December 31st of the measurement year are excluded from the measure.

- Colorectal cancer
- Total colectomy
- Members ages 65 and older as of January 1 of 2018 who are:
    1. Enrolled in an Institutional SNP
    2. Living long term in an institution

Please include this documentation when we request Medical records.

How to Improve HEDIS® Documentation

Review and document patient history annually regarding colorectal cancer screening (which test was done and a date).

- Use diagnosis codes to report exclusions. Correctly coding these conditions may prevent medical record requests.
- Colonoscopy may be recorded under surgical history; with at least the **year** it was done if the **exact date** is not known.
- A pathology report that indicates the type of screening (e.g. colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy), and the date when the screening was performed meets criteria.

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- Encourage patients who are resistant to having a colonoscopy to have a stool test that they can complete at home.
    - The iFOBT/FIT has fewer dietary restrictions and samples.
- Use standing orders and empower qualified office staff to distribute FOBT or FIT kits to patients who need colorectal cancer screening or prepare referral for colonoscopy. Document kits were given to patients so that compliance can be determined.
- Document and code which test was completed; with date and results.
- Documentation in the medical record must include a note indicating the date when the colorectal cancer screening was performed. A result is not required if the documentation is clearly part of the 'medical history' section of the record. If it's not clear, the results or finding must also be present to ensure that the test was performed and not merely ordered.

Using Correct Billing Codes

Codes to identify Colorectal Cancer screening and Exclusions

Description	code Type	code
colonoscopy	CPT®	44388-44397, 44401-44408, 45355, 45378, 45379, 45380-45393, 45398
	HCPCS	G0105, G0121
FOBT	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
CT Colonography	CPT®	74261-74263
FIT-DNA	CPT®	81528
	HCPCS	G0464
	LOINC	77353-1, 77354-9
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	CPT®	45330-45335, 45337-45342, 45345-45347, 45349, 45350
	HCPCS	G0104
Exclusions		
Colorectal Cancer	ICD-10-CM	C18.0, C18.1, C18.2, C18.3, C18.4, C18.5, C18.6, C18.7, C18.8, C18.9, C19, C20, C21.2, C21.8, C78.5, Z85.039, Z85.048
	HCPCS	G0213, G0214, G0215, G0231
Total Colectomy	ICD-10-PCS	0DTE0ZZ, 0DTE4ZZ, 0DTE7ZZ, 0DTE8ZZ
	CPT®	44150, 44151, 44152, 44153, 44155, 44156, 44157, 44158, 44210, 44211, 44212

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