



Medicare Preventive Services

An Informational Fact Sheet



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“Maybe it will go away,” is a phrase many individuals have heard at some point in their lives, but this is not always the best way to address health conditions. A healthier life may be accomplished through the use of Medicare’s “preventive services.” Medicare covers a broad range of services to prevent disease, detect disease early when it is most treatable and curable, and manage disease so that complications can be avoided. Services include exams, lab tests, screenings, shots, monitoring and information to help individuals take care of their own health.

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Service	Who is Covered	Frequency	Beneficiary Pays
“Welcome to Medicare” Physical Exam	All Medicare beneficiaries whose first Part B coverage began on or after January 1, 2005	Once in a lifetime benefit per person (Must be given no later than 12 months after Part B first begins)	* Copayment/coinsurance * Deductible (A deductible will apply if an EKG is ordered by physician)
EKG Screening	All Medicare beneficiaries if you get a referral as a result of your “Welcome to Medicare” physical exam.	This is a one-time benefit.	* Copayment/coinsurance * Deductible
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening (an ultrasound)	All Medicare beneficiaries with certain risk factors if you get a referral as a result of the “Welcome to Medicare” exam.	Once in a lifetime benefit per eligible beneficiary	* Copayment/coinsurance * No deductible
Cardiovascular Disease Screening	All asymptomatic Medicare beneficiaries (A 12-hour fast is required prior to testing)	Every 5 years	* No copayment/coinsurance * No deductible
Diabetes Screening Test	Medicare beneficiaries with certain diabetes risk factors or diagnosed with pre-diabetes (beneficiaries previously diagnosed with diabetes are not eligible for this benefit)	* 2 tests per year for individuals diagnosed with pre-diabetes * 1 test per year if previously tested but not diagnosed w/pre-diabetes, or if never tested	* No copayment/coinsurance * No deductible
Diabetes Self-Management Training (physician must certify training is needed)	Medicare beneficiaries at risk for complications from diabetes, recently diagnosed w/diabetes, or previously diagnosed w/diabetes	* 10 hours of initial training within a 12 month period * Subsequent years: 2 hours of training each year	* Copayment/coinsurance * Deductible
Medical Nutrition Therapy	Medicare beneficiaries diagnosed with diabetes or a renal disease	* 1 st year: 3 hours of one-on-one counseling * Subsequent years: 2 hrs.	* Copayment/coinsurance * Deductible
Screening Pap Tests and Pelvic Exams (includes Breast Exam)	All female Medicare beneficiaries	* Annually if high-risk, or childbearing age with an abnormal Pap test within the past 3 years * Every 24 months all other women	* Copayment/coinsurance * No deductible (Note: There is a copayment or coinsurance charge for the Pap Test Collection, but no charge for the Pap lab test.)
HIV Screening	Medicare beneficiaries at risk or who are pregnant, including anyone asking for the test.	Once every 12 months or up to 3 times during a pregnancy.	No cost for the test, but there is a 20% co-insurance for the doctor’s visit.

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Screening Mammography	All female Medicare beneficiaries age 40 or older	Annually	* Copayment/coinsurance * No deductible
	Female Medicare beneficiaries ages 35 - 39	One baseline	* Copayment/coinsurance * No deductible
Colorectal Cancer Screening	* Medicare beneficiaries age 50 and older * <u>For screening colonoscopy</u> : individuals at high risk; no minimum age requirement * <u>Barium Enema</u> : no minimum age for having a barium enema as an alternative to a high risk screening colonoscopy if the beneficiary is at high risk	* <u>Fecal Occult</u> : Annually * <u>Flexible Sigmoidoscopy</u> : every 4 yrs, or once every 10 yrs. after having a screening colonoscopy * <u>Screening Colonoscopy</u> : every 24 months at high risk; every 10 years if not at high risk * <u>Barium Enema</u> : every 24 months at high risk; every 4 years if not at high risk	* No copayment/coinsurance, or deductible for fecal occult blood tests * For all other tests a copayment/coinsurance will apply * No deductible
Prostate Cancer Screening	All male Medicare beneficiaries 50 or older (<i>coverage begins the day after 50th birthday</i>)	Annually: * Digital Exam and * PSA test	* Copayment/coinsurance * Deductible (<i>No copayment/coinsurance or deductible for PSA test</i>)
Bone Mass Measurements	Medicare beneficiaries at risk for developing Osteoporosis	Every 24 months (<i>more frequently if medically necessary</i>)	* Copayment/coinsurance * Deductible
Glaucoma Screening	Medicare beneficiaries w/diabetes mellitus, family history of glaucoma, African-Americans age 50 and over, or Hispanic-Americans age 65 and over	Annually for beneficiaries in one of the high-risk groups	* Copayment/coinsurance * Deductible
Influenza (Flu) Shots	All Medicare beneficiaries	Once per flu season in the fall or winter (<i>additional shots provided if necessary</i>)	* No copayment/coinsurance * No deductible
Pneumococcal Shots	All Medicare beneficiaries	Once in a lifetime (<i>Medicare may provide additional vaccinations based on risk</i>)	* No copayment/coinsurance * No deductible
Hepatitis B (HBV) Shots	Medicare beneficiaries at medium to high risk for Hepatitis B	Scheduled dosages required	* Copayment/coinsurance * Deductible
Smoking Cessation Counseling	Medicare beneficiaries who use tobacco and have a disease or adverse health effect linked to tobacco use or take certain therapeutic agents whose metabolism or dosage is affected by tobacco use	2 cessation attempts per yr. Each attempt includes a maximum of 4 intermediate or intensive sessions, up to 8 sessions in a 12-month period	* Copayment/coinsurance * Deductible

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Assistance - If you have further questions about the information in this fact sheet, please feel free to contact the **SHINE** (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Program by calling the toll-free Elder Helpline at **1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337)** and ask for a **SHINE Counselor**. Our website is: <http://www.FloridaSHINE.org>.

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