

Metric Name: **COLORECTAL SCREENING**

Care Category: Preventive Services

Definition: The percentage of members 50-64 years of age who had an appropriate screening for colorectal cancer.

Eligible Population Requirements

Age: 50-64 as of the last day of the measurement period.

Anchor Date: The last date of the measurement period.

Continuous Enrollment: Measurement period and the 12 months prior to the measurement period.

Allowable Gaps: One (1) gap of less than 45 days in each 12 months of continuous enrollment. For this metric, a member can have no more than one (1) gap for the measurement period, as well as one (1) gap for the 1-12 months prior to the measurement period.

Benefit(s): Medical.

Qualifying Events: None.

Exclusions: Members with a diagnosis of colorectal cancer or total colectomy may be excluded from the denominator. Evidence of colorectal cancer or total colectomy should be researched as far back in the member’s history as possible. See [Table B](#) under “Supporting Specifications” for a listing of applicable codes).

Metric Determination

Denominator: Members meeting all eligible population requirements, less excluded members.

Numerator: One or more screenings for colorectal cancer. Appropriate screenings are defined by any one of the three criteria below (see [Table A](#) for applicable codes):

- Fecal occult blood test (FOBT) during the measurement period.
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy during the measurement period or the 48 months prior to the measurement period.
- Colonoscopy during the measurement period or the 108 months prior to the measurement period.

Source(s): HEDIS 2012 Technical Specification Manual.
HEDIS 2012 Technical Update (Oct 2011), if applicable.

Supporting Specifications

Table A: Qualifying Numerator Events

Description	CPT	HCPCS	ICD-9-CM Procedure	LOINC
FOBT	82270, 82274	G0328		2335-8, 12503-9, 12504-7, 14563-1, 14564-9, 14565-6, 27396-1, 27401-9, 27925-7, 27926-5, 29771-3, 56490-6, 56491-4, 57905-2, 58453-2
Flexible sigmoidoscopy	45330-45335, 45337-45342, 45345	G0104	45.24	
Colonoscopy	44388-44394, 44397, 45355, 45378-45387, 45391, 45392	G0105, G0121	45.22, 45.23, 45.25, 45.42, 45.43	

Table B: Qualifying Events for Exclusion

Description	CPT	HCPCS	ICD-9-CM Diagnosis	ICD-9-CM Procedure
Colorectal cancer		G0213-G0215, G0231	153, 154.0, 154.1, 197.5, V10.05	
Total colectomy	44150-44153, 44155-44158, 44210-44212			45.8