

Medicare Preventive Benefits

2022 Focus



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You pay nothing for most preventive services if you see the right type of provider. If you have **Original Medicare**, you should receive preventive services from providers who accept assignment. If you are in a **Medicare Advantage Plan**, you should not be charged for preventive care services that are free for people with Original Medicare, as long as you see providers who are in-network for your plan.

Medicare covers several items and services related to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), like vaccines, diagnostic tests, antibody tests, and monoclonal antibody treatments.

Cognitive assessment & care plan services are covered by Medicare to help detect the earliest signs of cognitive impairment. If a beneficiary shows signs of impairment during a routine doctor visit, Medicare also covers a separate visit with your regular doctor or specialist to do a full review of your cognitive function, establish or confirm a diagnosis like dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, and develop a care plan.

For colorectal cancer, Medicare covers blood-based biomarker test, in certain cases, once every 3 years.

Medicare continues to focus more attention on , especially during the pandemic to provide greater access to telehealth and other care delivery options.

- Medicare will pay for mental health visits outside of the rules governing the pandemic. This means that mental health telehealth visits provided by and federally qualified health centers will be covered.
- New features include providing certain mental and behavioral health services over the phone.
- Counseling and therapy services will be more available, especially in areas where not everyone has access to broadband.

You can detect errors or fraudulent charges by carefully reviewing your health care statements from Medicare or your Medicare Advantage Plan. If you think you were charged for a preventive service and should not have been, contact your health care provider first.

Medicare covers other preventive services and screenings. Benefits Counselors can explain the details.

Call 1-800-272-3921, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.



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