

HEDIS TIPS: Breast Cancer Screening

MEASURE DESCRIPTION

Women 52 to 74 years of age, as of the end of the measurement year, who had one or more mammograms any time on or between Oct. 1 two years prior to the measurement year and Dec. 31 of the measurement year.

Note: Biopsies, breast ultrasounds and MRIs do not count because HEDIS does not consider them to be appropriate primary screening methods.

Exclusion: Bilateral mastectomy at any time during the member's history

USING CORRECT BILLING CODES

Codes to Identify Mammogram	
Description	Codes
Breast Cancer Screening	CPT: 77055-77057 HCPCS: G0202, G0204, G0206 ICD-9: 87.36, 87.37

HOW TO IMPROVE HEDIS SCORES

- Educate female patients about the importance of early detection and encourage testing.
- Use needed services list to identify patients in need of mammograms.
- If the patient had a bilateral mastectomy, document this in the medical record.
- Schedule a mammogram for patient or send/give patient a referral/script (if needed).
- Have a list of mammogram facilities available to share with the patient.
- Engage patient in discussion of their fears about mammograms and let women know these tests are less uncomfortable and use less radiation than they did in the past.