

Cancer Screening Program

Facts for Providers

Cancer Screening Services

- The New York State Department of Health Cancer Services Program (CSP) oversees a statewide, comprehensive cancer screening program providing breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening for uninsured and underinsured women and men.
- The CSP funds community-based partnerships to coordinate screening services in every county and borough in New York State.
- Each year, the partnerships screen approximately 60,000 women for breast and cervical cancer and 10,000 men and women for colorectal cancer.

Provider Benefits to Participating in the CSP

- Receive reimbursement for screening, diagnostic and treatment services that you are currently providing to uninsured or underinsured patients, but for which you are not compensated
- Reimbursement for the provision of HPV vaccine to eligible women aged 19 to 26
- Assistance with client recruitment, education and case management
- Access to CSP-sponsored professional and continuing medical education
- Free patient education materials
- Access to a network of CSP-sponsored community-based cancer support and legal assistance programs

Reimbursable Screening Services

Breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screening tests for women and men who are uninsured, underinsured or cannot pay for these services are reimbursed through the CSP at regional Medicare rates. Eligibility criteria for these services are:

Mammograms

- Women aged 40 and older
- Women who are younger than 40 and at high risk for breast cancer

Pap tests, pelvic exams, and clinical breast exams (CBE)

- Women aged 18 and older

Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT)/Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT)

- Men and women aged 50 and older who are at average risk for colorectal cancer

Colonoscopy

- Men and women who are at elevated risk for colorectal cancer

Reimbursable Diagnostic Services

- Reimbursement is available for many diagnostic services including imaging, facility fees, biopsies, pre- and post-operative procedures, pathology, and consultations. See current reimbursement schedule on reverse.

Medicaid Cancer Treatment Programs (MCTP)

Women and men who are diagnosed with breast, cervical, colorectal or prostate* cancer may be eligible for full Medicaid coverage through the MCTP. Coverage lasts for the entire treatment period and includes medications. Eligibility criteria for these services are:

- Women and men with breast, cervical (or pre-cancerous cervical conditions) or colorectal cancer must be screened or diagnosed by CSP participating providers, and found to be in need of treatment. Effective late fall 2007, men diagnosed with prostate cancer by CSP participating providers may also be eligible for treatment coverage through the MCTP.
- Eligible clients must meet certain other eligibility criteria such as U.S. citizenship, New York State residency, and not otherwise qualify for Medicaid.

For additional information about how you can participate with a partnership in your area, please contact Heather LeBlanc, Director, Public Education Outreach and Recruitment at (518) 474-1222 or hsj04@health.state.ny.us

*The New York State Department of Health CSP does not currently support routine population-based screening for prostate cancer. Men diagnosed with prostate cancer by participating CSP providers may be eligible for treatment coverage through the MCTP effective late fall 2007.