



Colorectal Cancer Screening Tip Sheet

What is the CMS Star Rating Program?

CMS uses a five-star quality rating system to measure the experiences Medicare beneficiaries have with their health plan and health care system – the Star Rating Program. Health plans are rated on a scale of 1 to 5 stars, with 5 being the highest. These ratings are then published on the Medicare Plan Finder at [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) to help consumers compare health plans more easily.

Measure Description

Weight: 1

This measure shows the percent of plan members aged 50-75 who had appropriate screening for colon cancer.

Measure Source

- Claims & Chart Review
- 1/1 – 12/31

Stars/Quality Specifications

Eligible Patient has had:

- Hemoccult II SENZA: yearly
- Fecal occult blood test (FOBT Lab Test Value Set; FOBT Test Result or Finding Value Set) during the measurement year. For administrative data, assume the required number of samples were returned, regardless of FOBT type.
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy (Flexible Sigmoidoscopy Value Set; History of Flexible Sigmoidoscopy Value Set) during the measurement year of the four years prior to the measurement year.
- Colonoscopy (Colonoscopy Value Set; History of Colonoscopy Value Set) during the measurement year or the nine years prior to the measurement year.
- CT colonography (CT Colonography Value Set) during the measurement year or the four years prior to the measurement year.
- FIT-DNA test (FIT DNA Lab Test Value Set; FIT DNA Test Result or Finding Value Set) during the measurement year or the two years prior to the measurement year.

Strategies for Success

- Encourage patients to have colon cancer screening.
- Use culturally sensitive counseling and behavioral interviewing.
- Discuss with patient the family history of colon cancer.

Coding and Documentation Tips

Member may be excluded from this measure due to frailty and/or advanced illness. Click the following link to review master code list for exclusions: [Exclusion Codes](#)

CPT II Codes:

- **3017F:** Screening results documented and reviewed.
- **2017F-8P:** Screening not reviewed/documentated for other reasons.

If you have questions, please contact your provider relations specialist.