



# Breast Cancer Screening

IMPROVE YOUR HEDIS®<sup>1</sup> RATES BY USING THIS TIP SHEET FOR KEY DETAILS ABOUT THE BREAST CANCER SCREENING (BCS) MEASURE, ITS CODES AND GUIDANCE FOR DOCUMENTATION.

*Breast cancer is a common type of cancer in women in the United States.<sup>2</sup> To help reduce mortality rates, mammography is used as an effective screening tool for early detection of breast cancer.*

## Measure

**Patients ages 50–74 who had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer in the past two years.<sup>3</sup>**

## Exclusions:

- Patients who meet the following criteria anytime during the measurement year:
  - Medicare patients ages 66 and older enrolled in an institutional special needs plans (I-SNP) or living long-term in an institution.
  - Patients ages 66 and older with frailty and advanced illness.
  - Patients in hospice.
  - Patients in palliative care.
- Patients with bilateral mastectomy. Any of the following meet the criteria for bilateral mastectomy:
  - History of bilateral mastectomy.
  - Unilateral mastectomy with a bilateral modifier.
  - Two unilateral mastectomies without a modifier with service dates 14 or more days apart.
  - A unilateral mastectomy without a modifier and a left mastectomy with service dates 14 or more days apart.



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- A unilateral mastectomy without a modifier and a right mastectomy with service dates 14 or more days apart.
- Absence of the left breast and absence of the right breast on the same or different dates of service.
- Both of the following (on the same or different dates of service):
  - » Unilateral mastectomy with a left-side modifier (same visit).
  - » Unilateral mastectomy with a right-side modifier (same visit).

| Exclusion codes   |   |
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| Description   | Codes   |
| Bilateral mastectomy  | ICD-10: OHTV0ZZ   |
| Unilateral mastectomy with a bilateral modifier   | CPT: 19180, 19200, 19220, 19240, 19303–19307 Modifier: 50     |
| History of bilateral mastectomy   | ICD-10: Z90.13  |
| <b>Any combination of codes below that indicate a mastectomy on both the left and right side on the same or different dates of service.</b> |   |
| Unilateral mastectomy with left/right side modifier   | CPT: 19180, 19200, 19220, 19240, 19303–19307 Modifier: LT, RT |
| Left unilateral mastectomy  | ICD-10: OHTU0ZZ   |
| Right unilateral mastectomy   | ICD-10: OHTT0ZZ   |
| Absence of left breast  | ICD-10: Z90.12  |
| Absence of right breast   | ICD-10: Z90.11  |

| Best practices   | Mammography codes |                                       |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the date of the mammogram with proof of completion in the medical record to confirm screening was ordered and completed. Discuss the results or findings with the patient.</li> <li>All types and methods of mammograms (screening, diagnostic, film, digital, or digital breast tomosynthesis) meet the numerator compliance. Do not count biopsies, breast ultrasounds or MRIs.</li> <li>Refer patients to local mammography imaging centers. Follow up to confirm completion.</li> <li>Educate patients on the importance of routine screening (at least once every 24 months). Remind patients that preventive screenings are covered under health care reform. Depending on risk factors, mammograms may be done more often.</li> <li>Discuss possible concerns or fears patients may have about the screening.</li> <li>Develop standing orders along with automated referrals (if applicable) for patients ages 50–74.</li> </ul> | CPT               | 77055–77057, 77061–77063, 77065–77067 |
|  | HCPCS             | G0202, G0204, G0206                   |

<sup>1</sup>HEDIS – Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set

<sup>2</sup>American Cancer Society, 2020. Breast Cancer – What Are the Key Statistics about Breast Cancer. Retrieved from [www.cancer.org/cancer/breast-cancer/about/how-common-is-breast-cancer.html](http://www.cancer.org/cancer/breast-cancer/about/how-common-is-breast-cancer.html). September 3, 2020.

<sup>3</sup>NCQA. HEDIS 2020 Technical Specifications for Health Plans, Volume 2, Washington, D.C., 2020.