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Federal Employee Program Encouraging Breast Cancer Screening for Members

Your Florida Blue patients (women between the ages 50 to 74) insured under the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program® (FEP) will receive a letter this month encouraging them to screen for breast cancer. In the letter, our medical director recommends your FEP patients contact their Primary Care Provider, OBGYN, or Preferred (in-network) mammogram imaging centers to schedule their **mammograms**.

One of every eight women will get breast cancer in her lifetime. Routine mammograms can find breast changes early, before symptoms even develop. Cancer treatment is typically most effective when detected early. These diagnostic tests will be \$0 to the member when they visit a preferred (in-network) doctor or provider.

How You Can Help

- Discuss the importance of breast cancer screening and ensure your patients are up to date with their annual mammogram.
- Document the screening for breast cancer in the medical record. The medical record must indicate specific date and result of the screening.
- Document medical and surgical history of the breast in the medical record, include dates.
- **MRIs, ultrasounds, or biopsies do not apply to this measure.** Although these procedures may be indicated for evaluating women at higher risk for breast cancer or for diagnostic purposes, they are performed as an adjunct to mammography and do not alone count towards the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®¹) care gap compliance.
- Submit the appropriate diagnosis and procedure codes for the services rendered.

Thank you in advance for speaking with your patients about the appropriate test for them.

If your patients have questions about their benefits and claims, they may contact our Customer Service team for help at 1-800-333-2227 (TTY users, call 711). We are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., eastern time. Please note [new hours of operation](#) starting July 11. Members may also visit fepblue.org for more information.

To learn more about the Breast Cancer Screening HEDIS measure for FEP members, click [here](#) or go to floridablue.com. Select Tools & Resources, Federal Employee Program, then HEDIS Measures & Reference Materials.

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