



Medicare & Women's Health

Medicare plays an important role in the health and financial well-being of people over age 65 in America. Acting as a safety net, Medicare provides essential healthcare benefits to all eligible individuals regardless of gender, race, sex, religion or financial status. Comprising over half of eligible beneficiaries since Medicare began in 1966, women can take advantage of expanded coverage and benefits including access to preventive care, routine checkups, screenings and exams that are vital to their overall health.

Well Woman Exam

As part of the "Wellness Exam", Medicare Part B covers a Well Woman Exam which includes a pelvic exam, Pap tests and a clinical breast exam for preventive purposes. This can be performed by a primary care physician or separately by a gynecologist that participates in Medicare and accepts assignment. NOTE: If you plan to have your gynecologist perform this exam, please notify your primary care physician during your Wellness Exam. The Well Woman Exam is covered 100% every 24 months, but if you're considered high risk for cervical or vaginal cancer, Medicare will cover these screening tests once every 12 months.

Bone Mass Measurements

Medicare Part B covers this test once every 24 months if your doctor determines you're estrogen deficient and at-risk for osteoporosis, if your X-rays show possible signs of osteoporosis, if you're taking prednisone or steroid-type drugs or are planning to begin this treatment, or if you're currently going through osteoporosis drug therapy. You pay nothing for this test.

Mammograms

Medicare Part B covers both **screening** and **diagnostic** mammograms; one baseline mammogram if you're between the ages of 35-39, one **screening** mammogram every 12 months if you're age 40 or older, or a **diagnostic** mammogram more frequently than once a year if medically necessary. **Screening** mammograms are covered 100%, but you pay 20% of the Medicare-approved amount for a **diagnostic** mammogram.

Other Covered Services

Medicare covers additional women's health related services including testing for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, treatment for pelvic and vaginal infections, treatment for abnormal vaginal bleeding, contraception counseling, menstrual pain & irregularities, menopausal management and breast reconstruction after a mastectomy.

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