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Clinical quality corner

One in a series of tip sheets focusing on key Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set measures

Breast cancer screening

This measure looks at the percentage of women 50 to 74 years old who had a mammogram in the past two years.

Improving HEDIS® scores

- **Order** routine mammograms at least once every 24 months for all women 50 to 74 years old. Depending on risk factors, mammograms may be administered more frequently.
- **Assure** that results are in the chart. This can help to determine if patients have followed through with testing. You only receive credit for completed tests.
- **Develop** a call-back system to remind patients who are due for screening exams.
- **Educate** patients on the importance of routine screening and remind patients that preventive screenings are now covered under health care reform.

Exclusions

Members with history of bilateral mastectomy

*To be accepted, supplemental data must have a source code denoting the data source and pass BCBSM audit. Only standard data sources such as those coming from an electronic medical record can be accepted.

Did you know?

- Breast cancer is still the leading cause of cancer in women, with one in eight women being diagnosed at some point in their lifetime.
- The greatest risk factor for breast cancer is age.

Modifiable risk factors include:

- Alcohol use
- Physical inactivity

Also, after menopause:

- More than five years use of combined estrogen-progestin hormone therapy
- Overweight or obese

Tip: Breast cancer screening is considered an administrative measure, which means that data is collected through claims and supplemental data.*

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