

# SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL AND FACILITY PROVIDERS

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## RECOMMENDED AGE CHANGE FOR COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

Effective **January 1, 2022**, Highmark's Preventive Health Guideline for colorectal cancer screening has changed from screening members aged 50 and up to members aged **45 years and up**. This guideline aligns with the recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).

### REVIEW HIGHMARK'S PREVENTIVE HEALTH GUIDELINES

Highmark Preventive Health Guidelines include colorectal cancer screenings for eligible members. To access the Preventive Health Guidelines on the Provider Resource Center, select **EDUCATION/MANUALS**, and then click on **Preventive Health Guidelines**.

We encourage you to consult our Preventive Health Guidelines and discuss them with members when planning care.

**NOTE:** Most, although not all, Highmark members have coverage for services on the preventive schedule. To verify that your patient is covered for a preventive health screening, use the Eligibility and Benefits transaction in NaviNet® to perform an electronic HIPAA 270 Eligibility/Benefit Inquiry transaction or call the Provider Service Center.



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