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| Measure Type | Static Star Measure |
| Description of the Measure | Percentage of female members 50–74 years of age who had a bilateral mammogram to screen for breast cancer. |
| Eligible Population | <p>Attributed female members 52–74 years of age as of the last date of the measurement year.</p> <p>Exclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who had a bilateral mastectomy (ICD-10 Z90.13) any time during the member’s history through the last day of the measurement year. • Advanced Illness and Frailty Exclusion: Members 66 years of age and older as of December 31st of the measurement year with frailty AND advanced illness diagnoses (exclusions applied based on processed claims data only). • Members receiving palliative care (as defined by the HEDIS value sets) during the measurement year. |
| Compliant Member | One or more bilateral mammograms any time on or between October 1, two years prior to the measurement year, and December 31 of the measurement year (27-month period). For 2021, the look-back period for compliance will begin on October 1, 2019, and end December 31, 2021. |
| How to Submit to Highmark Inc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Codes to identify breast cancer screening: 77055, 77056, 77057, 77061, 77062, 77063, 77065, 77066, 77067, G0202, G0204, and G0206. • Submit bilateral screening via claim. <p>Submit proof of screening or exclusions via the Clinical Quality Feedback Loop only if not captured by Highmark claims. Allow at least 45 days for claims to process before submitting through the CQF Loop.</p> |
| Best Practices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify non-compliant patients and address at the earliest opportunity in order for the patient to complete the test during the measurement year. Please make sure to schedule all mammograms as soon as possible in 2021 as appointments may once again be limited. • Review chart notes to find evidence of past bilateral mammogram or exclusions – submit via Clinical Quality Feedback Loop. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previous breast cancer screening that may not have been submitted to Highmark via normal claims processing. - Exclusion • Create alerts to inform providers of needed mammography. • Prep chart to ensure that provider addresses the need and orders bilateral mammography during the next office visit. • If no visit is scheduled, reach out to the member to discuss the need for bilateral mammography. |

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| <p>Best Practices (continued)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and send standing order to mail to patients for mammography. • Create process to identify bilateral mammography ordered compared to results received. • Provide ongoing member outreach to encourage mammography screening. • Ask your patients if they've had a bilateral mammogram through a free screening event. Submit documentation through the Clinical Quality Feedback (CQF) function. • Utilize Highmark's predesigned member letter templates and other informational resources that are located on the Provider Resource Center. (Screening reminder cards are located under the Educational Materials section.) • Be proactive. Evaluate practice processes for opportunities to close gaps every time the patient is seen rather than reacting to gap closure reports. |
| <p>Other</p> | <p>Measure assesses the use of imaging to detect early breast cancer in women. Because the measure does not remove women at a higher risk, all types of methods for mammogram qualify for numerator compliance. This includes screening (covered in full benefit), diagnostic (member liability could be encountered), film, digital, or digital breast tomosynthesis.</p> <p>MRIs, ultrasounds, and biopsies do NOT count for numerator compliance. Although these procedures are indicated for evaluating women at high risk for breast cancer, these procedures are performed in conjunction with a mammography.</p> |

Key Additional Resources

Additional information can be found on the Provider Resource Center under Value-Based Reimbursement Programs Overview, in the Medicare Advantage Stars section.

Additional mailers and information can be found by going to the Provider Resource Center, then by clicking Educational Resources and Member and Provider.