

MA STARS

PROGRAM UPDATE

TIPS FOR CAPTURING FREE BREAST CANCER SCREENINGS FOR YOUR ATTRIBUTED HIGHMARK PATIENTS

Many providers across the Highmark network offer free breast cancer screenings (mammograms) to their Highmark patients during free screening events. Highmark does not receive claims for these free screenings. However, with proper documentation on your part, these free screenings can help satisfy your practice's Highmark Medicare Advantage (MA) Stars compliance for breast cancer screening.

DOCUMENTING PATIENTS WHO HAVE HAD A FREE BREAST CANCER SCREENING

In just two simple steps, you can document your Highmark patients who have had a free breast cancer screening to capture compliance for the Breast Cancer Screening measure to impact your Highmark MA Stars performance:

1. Ask your patients if they have had a mammogram through one of these free screening events.
2. Submit documentation through the Clinical Quality Feedback (CQF) function.

Here are some other important details to remember when using the CQF to submit documentation:

- You can submit your documentation 30 days after completion of the mammography study.
- For all value-based reimbursement programs, mammogram screenings are good for 15 months prior to the measurement year.
- Submit documentation in the CQF by the annual due date to assure evaluation for year-end scoring.

Highmark reviews each CQF submission for accuracy and completeness as per guidelines set forth by NCQA HEDIS. Each specific service has its own set of guidelines. For breast cancer screening, documentation showing a mammogram screening was performed during the measurement year or the 15 months prior to the measurement year is required. Additionally, NCQA HEDIS requires the following elements on all submissions:

- Member name
- Member date of birth
- Performing provider signature (written or electronic)

For additional information and resources regarding the Highmark MA Stars Breast Cancer Screening measure, please visit the Medicare Advantage Stars page on the Provider Resource Center. Select **Medicare Advantage Stars**, then **Breast Cancer Screening** from the Medicare Advantage Primary Care Incentive Measure Table.