

# SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL AND FACILITY PROVIDERS

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## BILLING PREVENTIVE AND DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

Highmark Blue Shield of Northeastern New York originally aligned our preventive lab services to include only U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendations for our members who have moved onto Highmark's systems. However, we have made the decision to continue with our 2021 preventive reimbursement schedule for preventive labs throughout 2022. This will allow providers the opportunity to adjust to these changes.

Within the next 30-45 days, we will review labs and screenings that may have previously denied and will make adjustments as appropriate for both providers and patients.

There is a change in claim submission. \$0 cost share for your patients will only apply to preventive labs submitted with a routine diagnosis code. **Therefore, labs ordered for an existing medical disease billed with a medical diagnosis will apply cost share for your patient:**

- If a medical diagnosis of diabetes is on the claim with HBA1c procedure code, a cost share will be charged to the patient
- If a routine diagnosis (screening for diabetes Z131) is on the claim with HBA1c procedure code, a \$0 cost share will be charged to the patient

**Other labs that will pay as preventive (\$0 cost share) when paired with routine diagnosis codes include:**

- HIV screening Z114, other viral Z1159 or bacterial disease Z112 screening diagnosis and Z113 for STIs Gonorrhea, Syphilis, Chlamydia and HIV labs
- Viral screening Z1159 for Hepatitis B and C screening labs 86704, 86705, 86706, 87340, 87341, 86803, 86804, 87520, 87521, 87522, G0472
- Nutritional disorder screening diagnosis Z1321 for vitamin D 82306 or vitamin B12 82607 labs
- Malignancy of prostate Z125 for PSA labs G0102, G0103
- Cervical Cancer Screening diagnosis Z124 for Pap lab G0145
- HPV screening diagnosis Z1151 for HPV lab
- Lipid disorder screening diagnosis Z13220 for lipid panel 80061



- Screening for depression Z1331 with depression screening G0444
- Bacterial disease screening Z113 with urinalysis 81001
- Metabolic disorder screening Z13228 with thyroid test 84443
- Metabolic disorder screening Z13228 with metabolic panel 80050 and 80053
- Metabolic disorder screening Z13228 with CBC 85025

**Other general preventive reminders:**

- Diagnostic services billed with a preventive diagnosis will be denied and the member will be liable for the cost
- Please continue to utilize CPT and HCPCS coding resources to select the most appropriate screening diagnosis code for your patient and code all diagnosis codes to the highest specificity when possible
  - Pap Smear: use code G0145 (Screening Cytopathology, Cervical or Vaginal) instead of 88175 (Cytopathology, Cervical or Vaginal) with diagnosis code screening for malignant neoplasm of cervix Z124
  - Use depression screening procedure code G0444 with screening diagnosis for depression Z1330
  - Z1332 maternal depression screening with 96161 caregiver depression screening done by pediatrician during infant well child visit
  - Low dose lung cancer screening needs Z122 or Z87891 diagnosis code with procedure code 71271
- Preventive benefits will follow calendar year administration for patients on Highmark's system

Labs and screenings that are covered as preventive services can be found in the 2022 [Preventive Health Guidelines](#) on the Provider Resource Center (PRC) under *Education and Manuals*.