



Payment Policy

Subject: Colonoscopies

Programs Covered: OH Medicaid, KY Medicaid, OH MyCare, and Just4Me™ (all states)

Policy

Effective February 1, 2014, CareSource will reimburse participating providers for medically necessary and preventive screening colonoscopies as set forth in this policy.

Definitions

“Current Procedural Terminology” (“CPT”) codes are numbers assigned to every task, medical procedure, and service a medical practitioner may provide to a patient. CPT codes are developed, maintained and updated annually, and copyrighted by the American Medical Association. *(From ama-assn.org)*

“Medically necessary” services are those health services that are necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of disease, illness, or injury and meet accepted standards of medical practice. *(from OAC 5160-10-02)*

Provider Reimbursement Guidelines

CareSource Just4Me & Medicaid

CareSource will reimburse participating providers for the cost of medically necessary and preventive screening colonoscopies for any member aged 50 or older, and for high-risk members, with no limit on frequency. For high risk patients under the age of 50, CareSource requires the provider submit documentation of family history. No prior authorization is required for participating providers. See the qualifying “high-risk” factors in the section below.

CareSource MyCare -

For its MyCare members, CareSource will reimburse participating providers for the cost of screening colonoscopies once every 10 years, when no risk factors are present. *(G0121 with dx V76.51 Special screening for malignant neoplasm of the colon)*. For high-risk MyCare members, CareSource will reimburse participating providers for the cost of a screening colonoscopy every 2 years *(G0105 plus appropriate diagnosis code)*. High risk factors include:

- A close relative (sibling, parent or child) who has had colorectal cancer or an adenomatous polyp.
- A family history of familial adenomatous polyposis.

- A family history of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer.
- A personal history of adenomatous polyps.
- A personal history of colorectal cancer.
- Inflammatory bowel disease, including Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

Related Policies & References

OAC 5160-4-34, "Preventive medicine services."

State Exceptions

NONE

Document Revision History
