

Colorectal Cancer Screening, Prevention, and Coding Update

Kentucky leads the nation in colorectal cancer (CRC) incidence BOTH over and under age 50.* But did you know Kentucky has the strongest, most unique insurance coverage for CRC screening and prevention? Here are 4 critical coverage facts **you** need to **follow** to increase screenings and prevent CRC in your practice or network. **The following apply to most fully-funded commercial plans regulated by the Kentucky Department of Insurance AND Medicaid. Call your insurance company for details.**

They DO NOT APPLY to Medicare products.

[*gis.cdc.gov/Cancer/USCS/DataViz.html](https://gis.cdc.gov/Cancer/USCS/DataViz.html)

SCREENING FOR ALL (KRS 214.540-214.544)

The Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening Program (KCCSP) is a statewide program for the uninsured and underinsured to provide **no or low cost** colonoscopies for: A) those who qualify as high risk; or B) normal risk persons with a positive FIT or Stool DNA test.

Your patient can call (877) 597-4655 toll-free for details and to see if they qualify.

Uninsured and underinsured patients - including those who may be undocumented - may contact Surgery on Sunday Louisville for screening opportunities. (502) 242-2089

UPDATED SCREENING AGE (KRS 304.17A-257)

The NEW age to start preventative screening for CRC has been lowered from age 50 to age 45, based on the newest American Cancer Society guidelines, which Kentucky follows.

SCREENING COLONOSCOPY (KRS 304.17A-257)

A screening colonoscopy is to be coded as such **regardless** of what is found (polyps, tumors mucosal abnormalities) and regardless of what intervention is performed as a result. The code of screening remains the base code regardless of additional added codes/interventions.

ALSO, all colonoscopies which are performed to complete screening for a positive noninvasive fecal test (FIT or stool DNA) should be coded as a screening colonoscopy, not coded as a diagnostic.

GENETIC TESTING FOR CANCER RISK (KRS 304.17A-259)

Beginning in January 2020, testing for hereditary cancers (colon, pancreatic, gastric, breast, ovarian, endometrial, pancreatic, prostate, melanoma, others) for persons who meet national guidelines for testing (NCCN) will be completely covered by private insurance in Kentucky as a preventative service.

Need more information?

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KickingButt.org
502-272-2397

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(502) 852-6318



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(502) 584-6782



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