

## HEDIS MEASURE OVERVIEW

# Breast Cancer Screening (BCS-E)

Breast Cancer Screening (BCS-E) is reported by Humana and other payers via Electronic Clinical Data Systems (ECDS), which is a method of reporting clinical data electronically. Providers do not need to change their documentation or claim/encounter processes.

Please note that the information offered in this flyer is based on Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) technical specifications. It is not meant to preclude your clinical judgment.

### Who is included in the BCS-E measure?

The eligible population for this measure includes women 52–74 years of age who had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer between Oct. 1 two years prior to the measurement year and Dec. 31 of the measurement year.

Since the measure has a 27-month “participation period” (also called a “look-back period”), the patient may be 50–51 years of age at the time of the screening but must be 52 in the measurement year.

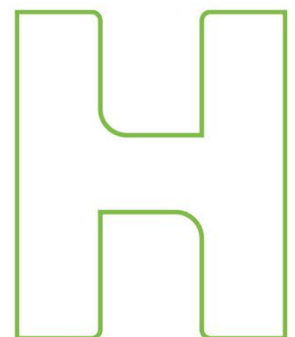
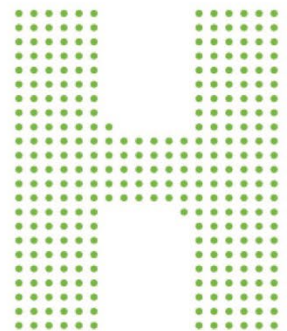
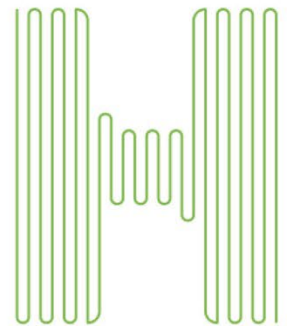
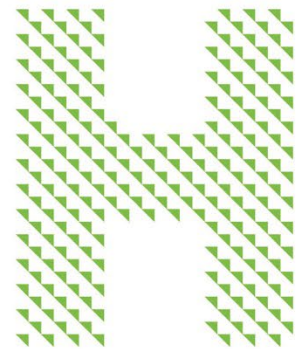
### Exclusions

Unless otherwise indicated, these apply to Medicare, Medicaid and commercial patients.

- Patients who, at any time during the patient’s history through the end of the measurement year, have had:
  - A bilateral mastectomy **or**
  - Both a unilateral left and unilateral right mastectomy

**Note:** A single unilateral mastectomy does not count as an exclusion. Unilateral mastectomy code and bilateral modifier must be from the same procedure.

- Patients in hospice or using hospice services or receiving palliative care anytime during the measurement period
- Patients who died anytime during the measurement period
- Medicare patients 66 years of age and older enrolled in an Institutional Special Needs Plan (I-SNP) or living long-term in an institutional setting
- Patients 66 years of age and older with frailty and advanced illness
- Patients who had gender-affirming chest surgery anytime during the patient’s history through the end of the measurement period



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## Actions to address the BCS-E measure

After reviewing the patient's medical record, healthcare professionals should document the date of service that a mammogram was completed within the measurement period.

Mammograms, including digital breast tomosynthesis, completed within the measurement period that are reported by a patient and subsequently recorded in the medical record satisfy the BCS-E measure. To be compliant, healthcare professionals need to submit proof-of-service documents to Humana with the criteria listed above.

Breast exams, breast biopsies, ultrasounds and MRI do not satisfy the measure.

## Measure best practices

- Due to the unique 27-month measurement period, physician practices may want to consider ordering a mammogram every two years for their patients beginning at 50 years of age, or sooner when risk factors such as family history exist. Schedule a mammogram for the patient, if appropriate.
- Document date of service (minimum month and year) of the most recent mammogram in the medical record.
- Educate patients about the importance of early detection and encourage testing.
- Engage patients to discuss their fears about mammograms and let women know that the test is now more comfortable and uses less radiation than in the past.
- Provide patients with a list of facilities that provide mammograms.

## Coding for breast cancer screenings

77061–77063	CPT*	Breast, mammography
77065	CPT	Diagnostic mammography, including computer-aided detection (CAD) when performed; unilateral
77066	CPT	Diagnostic mammography, including computer-aided detection (CAD) when performed; bilateral
77067	CPT	Screening mammography, bilateral (two-view study of each breast), including computer-aided detection (CAD) when performed

\* Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®)

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