

# Provider Bulletin

## HEDIS<sup>®</sup> News You Can Use

### Breast Cancer Screening (BCS-E)



#### Importance of breast cancer screening

According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 316,950 women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer. About 1 in 8 women face this risk. Early detection saves lives – localized cancers have a 99% 5-year survival rate and require less aggressive treatment.

This bulletin offers information on any measure changes, best practice suggestions, links to codes and free resources.



#### Measure requirements

Women ages **40-74** who had at least one mammogram in the past two years to screen for breast cancer. The age range was updated to align with U.S. Preventative Services Task Force guidelines.

For more detailed measure info, go to [MC Gap Closure Reference Guide](#)



#### Coding information

Every code counts! The BCS-E measure is captured exclusively through electronic systems – accuracy matters.

For up-to-date, measure specific codes to use, go to [MC Gap Closure Reference Guide](#)



#### Common reasons for Gaps in Care

1. Patient barriers: age, lack of awareness, misconceptions, discomfort, inconvenience, transportation.
2. Missed outreach, appointments.
3. Incorrect coding.

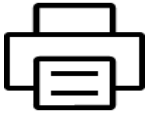
For members assigned but choosing not to establish care, go to

[MC PCP Change Request Form](#)



## How Mercy Care helps

1. Member education via multimodal outreach (mail, digital, phone).
2. Outreach and scheduling support by partnering with providers and vendors.
3. Mammogram screening incentives (\$30 if registered with HealthMine)
4. Coverage for annual screening mammograms.
5. Transportation coverage (MCA benefits include 42 one-way routine rides/year; MC offers rides at no cost for medically necessary nonemergency transport services).
6. Mobile mammography services to improve access.



## Great resources

[American Cancer Society](#)

[U.S. Preventative Services Task Force recommendations](#)

[American College of Radiology](#)

**Thank you for the care you provide  
to our members**



## Best Practices

### Tips to improve results

1. **Electronic medical record (EMR) alerts:** Add prompts for discussion and ordering of screening during visits.
2. **Education:** Address fears, myths, and questions; use posters and brochures in waiting areas.
3. **Standing orders:** Implement standing orders to help streamline referrals for screening.
4. **Screen by risk level:** Tailor recommendations for those at higher risk.
5. **Simplify scheduling:** Use real-time scheduling and book the mammogram before the patient leaves the office.
6. **Automate reminders:** Use a system that sends personalized reminders.