



Chlamydia Screening

This screening is important for both the BCBS Commercial program, and Upper Payment Limit (UPL) Program. **All female patients ages 16 to 24 identified as sexually active should have at least one chlamydia screening during each measurement year.** Documentation of the chlamydia test must be included on the claim form for it to be recognized as meeting the measure.

Sexually active status is determined by a claim resulting from:

- a pregnancy test
- a prescription for contraceptives

Placing an emphasis on the routine nature of sexual health screenings may relieve some patient's anxieties over testing. A non-invasive urine test will meet compliance for this measure and though only a chlamydia screen needs to be ordered, the combined chlamydia/gonorrhea test will also close the gap.

- GC / CT DNA Amplified Probe (CT GC)
- C Trachomatis & N Gonorrhoeae Amplified Urine (CT GC)

Exclusions: Hospice, patients who are also prescribed a retinoid medication, or who had an x-ray, on the date of the pregnancy test or within 6 days of the pregnancy test.

Helpful Tip: If a patient has the chlamydia screening as part of the *prenatal lab panel* in one calendar year, but gives birth in the next calendar year, *then another chlamydia test will be needed at her postpartum visit.*

