



Colorectal Cancer Screenings

According to the American Cancer Society, **from March through May of 2020, there was an 86% decrease in colorectal cancer screenings nationally**, due to COVID-19. This downturn in screenings caused 18,000 delayed or missed diagnoses in just a few months – which could result in an additional 5,000 deaths.

Measure Goal

Patients ages 50-75 will need one or more appropriate screenings for colorectal cancer:

- **Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT)**, includes fecal immunochemical testing (FIT) - performed in 2022
- **FIT-DNA Test or Cologuard** - performed in 2022 or the two years prior
- **Flexible sigmoidoscopy or CT colonography** - performed in 2022 or the four years prior
- **Colonoscopy** - performed in 2022 or the nine years prior

Exclusions:

- Hospice or palliative care
- ≥ 66 years of age with advanced illness and frailty diagnoses
- Colon cancer or history of colon cancer; total colectomy - diagnosis codes must be assessed annually and submitted on a claim

2021 Colorectal Cancer Screening Performance

Program	Number Eligible	Number Compliant	Percentage Compliant	Program Target
BCBS Commercial	569	465	82%	75%
BCBS MA	253	207	82%	84%
Amerigroup MA	52	30	58%	74%
Humana MA	209	171	82%	82%
Blue Care Plus	64	50	78%	82%

- Note, final 2021 scores are subject to change slightly with runout.