

HEDIS® Tip Sheet

Breast Cancer Screening (BCS-E)

Point32Health's HEDIS Tip Sheets outline key features of specific HEDIS measures. These best practices and tips can optimize HEDIS scores and identify opportunities to improve patient care.



The BCS-E measure assesses the percentage of patients 40-74 years of age who were recommended for routine breast cancer screening and had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer.

To meet measurement requirements, eligible patients must have completed a mammogram between Oct. 1, two years prior to the measurement (current) year, and Dec. 31 of the measurement (current) year.



Provider Best Practices & Measure Tips

- **Encourage** testing and educate patients on the importance of a screening mammogram for early detection of breast cancer.
- **Address** potential fear of mammograms.
- **Assist** with scheduling appointments well in advance to ensure that a mammogram can be completed by the end of the measurement year.
- **Consider** barriers to care — such as transportation or interpretation needs — that may affect a patient's ability to keep appointments.
- **Record** the date of the last screening mammogram during the annual visit and when updating a patient's history. Specify 'mammogram completed' and include the month and year of completion. A result is not required. Patient-reported mammograms are acceptable if the date completed is documented in the appropriate field of the medical record.
- **Discuss** results or findings with the patient.
- **Document** bilateral or unilateral mastectomies. Submit the appropriate code that matches the member's medical history of a bilateral or unilateral mastectomy.
- **Send** screening appointment reminders to patients via EMR, mail, text message and/or telephone call.
- **Reach out** to patients when appointments are missed or need to be rescheduled.
- **Establish** a standing order to obtain annual mammograms for eligible populations.

Accepted:

All types of mammograms are acceptable: screening, diagnostic, film, and digital or digital breast tomosynthesis (3D mammography).

Not accepted:

The BCS-E measure evaluates preventive screening only. Biopsies, breast ultrasounds, breast thermograms, and MRIs are not acceptable.

Did you know?



- Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the U.S., after skin cancer.
- Approximately 80% of women who develop breast cancer do not have a family history of the disease.

Source: American Cancer Society

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Please use the following codes to document history of mastectomy:

ICD-10-CM	CPT			ICD-10-PCS
Z90.11	19180	19240	19305	0HTT0ZZ
Z90.12	19200	19303	19306	0HTU0ZZ
Z90.13	19220	19304	19307	0HTV0ZZ

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116221009	172041008	359740003	64837009
1208601007	172042001	384723003	66398006
1268980002	172043006	395701007	70183006
1269061009	172046003	395702000	726429001
1279986002	172047007	406505007	726430006
13607100011910	172050005	428529004	726434002
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13768100011910	237367009	428571003	726436000
14693006	237368004	429009003	726437009
14714006	24268003	429242008	726636007
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150301001	274957008	446109005	741010006
150302008	27865001	446420001	741018004
150303003	287652002	447135002	741019007
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150306006	302341009	45121100012410	836436008
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17086001	359731002	5835009	
172039007	359734005	5884001	
172040009	359738008	60633004	



Additional Resources

- [National Cancer Institute](#)
- [American Cancer Society](#)