

2023 Star Measure Tips



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One in a series of tip sheets that look at key Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set measures, commonly referred to as HEDIS® measures.

Breast Cancer Screening (BCS)

Effectiveness of Care HEDIS® Measure

Measure description

The percentage of women who were screened for breast cancer.

Measure population (denominator)

Female patients ages 50–74 during the measurement year.

Measure compliance (numerator)

Bilateral mammogram screening performed any time on or between October 1 two years prior to the measurement year and December 31 of the measurement year, as evidenced by either of the following:

- Date the mammogram was performed and result.
- Documentation of mastectomy and date performed (if exact date is unknown, the year is acceptable)

Note: A breast thermogram **does not** meet criteria for this measure.

Exclusions

- History of mastectomy on both the left and right side on the same or different dates of service.
- Received hospice services anytime during the measurement year.
- Received palliative care during the measurement year.
- Deceased during the measurement year.
- Are age 66 and older with advanced illness and frailty (for additional definition information, see the *Advanced Illness and Frailty Guide*).

Did you know?

- Many women with breast cancer do not have symptoms, which is why regular breast cancer screenings are so important.
- Breast cancer detection at an early stage has a 93% or higher survival rate.
- The accuracy of mammography improves as women age and has an overall detection rate of about 85%.

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Helpful HEDIS hints

- Review completed screening dates with patients at all visits, including virtual care.
- Obtain mammogram report with date and result.
- Follow up on outstanding orders when no report has been received.
- Patient reported mammogram is acceptable. Document date in the history and/or preventive service section of the medical record.
- If the exact date of the last mammogram is unknown, avoid using words such as “approximate” or “about” when documenting. Instead, document the month/year or year alone.
- Create a standing order to mail to patient for mammography.
- Provide a list of locations where mammogram screenings can be performed.
- Depending on risk factors, mammograms may need to be done more frequently.

Tips for coding

If the patient met exclusion criteria, include the following ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes on the claim as appropriate:

ICD-10-CM code	Description
Z90.11	Acquired absence of right breast and nipple
Z90.12	Acquired absence of left breast and nipple
Z90.13	Acquired absence of bilateral breasts and nipples

Resources

1. American Cancer Society. Jan 2022. “American Cancer Society Recommendations for the Early Detection of Breast Cancer.” www.cancer.org/cancer/breast-cancer/screening-tests-and-early-detection/american-cancer-society-recommendations-for-the-early-detection-of-breast-cancer.html
2. American Cancer Society. 2019. “Frequently Asked Questions About the American Cancer Society’s Breast Cancer Screening Guideline.” <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/breast-cancer/frequently-asked-questions-about-the-american-cancer-society-new-breast-cancer-screening-guideline.html>

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