



Improving Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates in North Dakota

# Understanding New Cost-Share Guidance for CRC Screening

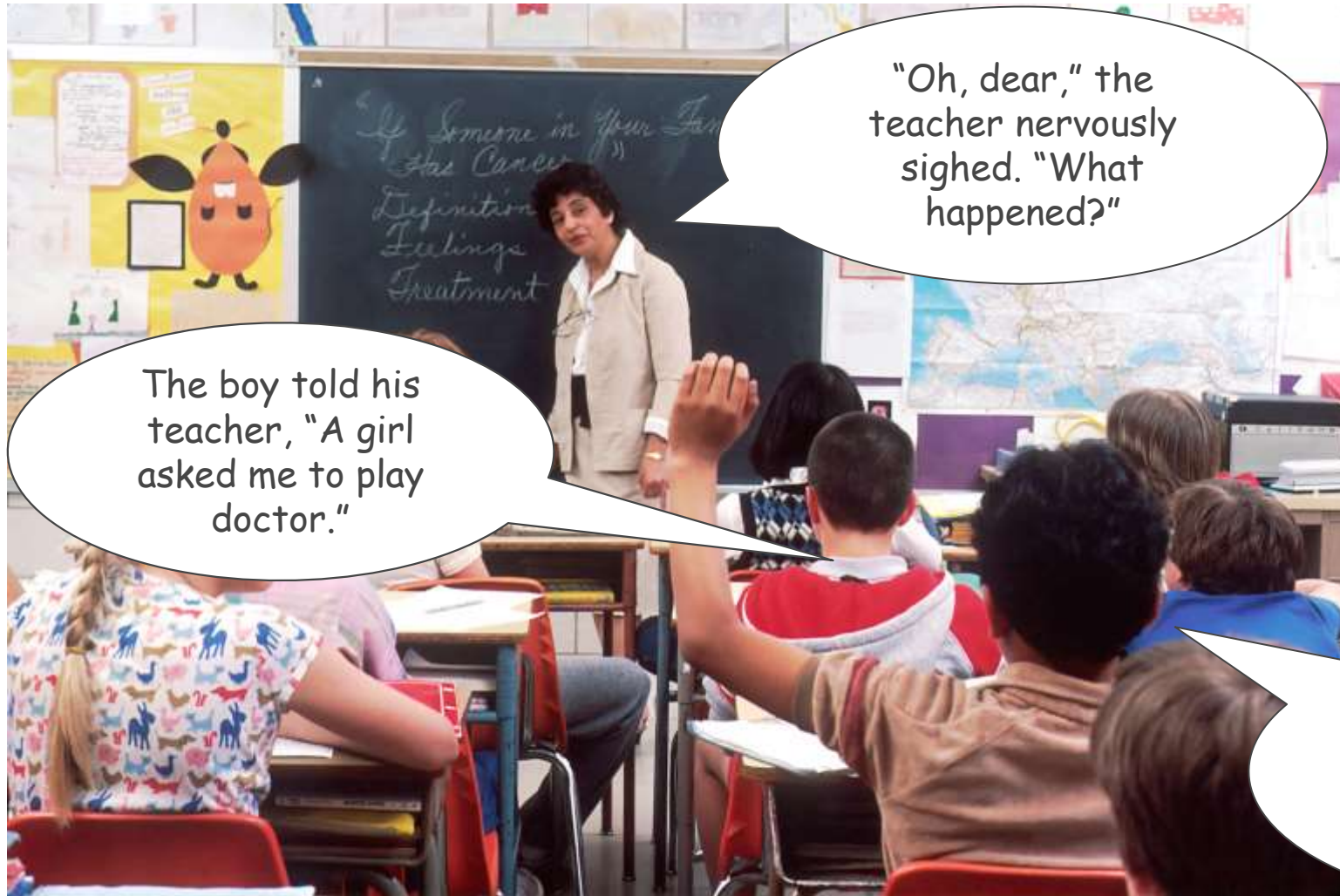
Reducing Structural Barriers: Demystifying Insurance Coverage of Colorectal  
Cancer Screening Tests and Follow-Up Colonoscopies



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# Overview

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"Oh, dear," the teacher nervously sighed. "What happened?"

The boy told his teacher, "A girl asked me to play doctor."

"Nothing. she made me wait 45 minutes and then double-billed the insurance company."

## Background

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**SEC. 4104. REMOVAL OF BARRIERS TO PREVENTIVE SERVICES IN MEDICARE.**

(a) **DEFINITION OF PREVENTIVE SERVICES.**—Section 1861(ddd) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(ddd)) is amended—

(1) in the heading, by inserting “; PREVENTIVE SERVICES” after “SERVICES”;

(2) in paragraph (1), by striking “not otherwise described in this title” and inserting “not described in subparagraph (A) or (C) of paragraph (3)”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) The term ‘preventive services’ means the following:

“(A) The screening and preventive services described in subsection (ww)(2) (other than the service described in subparagraph (M) of such subsection).

“(B) An initial preventive physical examination (as defined in subsection (ww)).



# Biden Administration Guidance (January 2022)

## *Coverage of Colonoscopies Pursuant to USPSTF Recommendations*

In 2016, the USPSTF recommended with an “A” rating screening for colorectal cancer starting at age 50 years and continuing until age 75 years. The Departments have issued several FAQs clarifying that if a colonoscopy is scheduled and performed as a screening procedure pursuant to the USPSTF recommendation, cost sharing may not be imposed for items and services that are an integral part of performing the colonoscopy.<sup>23</sup> These items and services include:

- Required specialist consultation prior to the screening procedure;<sup>24</sup>
- Bowel preparation medications prescribed for the screening procedure;<sup>25</sup>
- Anesthesia services performed in connection with a preventive colonoscopy;<sup>26</sup>
- Polyp removal performed during the screening procedure;<sup>27</sup> and
- Any pathology exam on a polyp biopsy performed as part of the screening procedure.<sup>28</sup>

On May 18, 2021, the USPSTF updated its recommendation for colorectal cancer screening. The USPSTF continues to recommend with an “A” rating screening for colorectal cancer in all adults aged 50 to 75 years and extended its recommendation with a “B” rating to adults aged 45 to 49 years. Its “Practice Guidelines” section details recommendations in the Final

# CPT® (Current Procedural Terminology) Modifier 33

When the primary purpose of the service is the delivery of an evidence based service in accordance with a US Preventive Services Task Force A or B rating in effect and other preventive services identified in preventive services mandates (legislative or regulatory), the service may be identified by adding **33** to the procedure. For separately reported services specifically identified as preventive, the modifier should not be used.

# Grandfathered Health Plans



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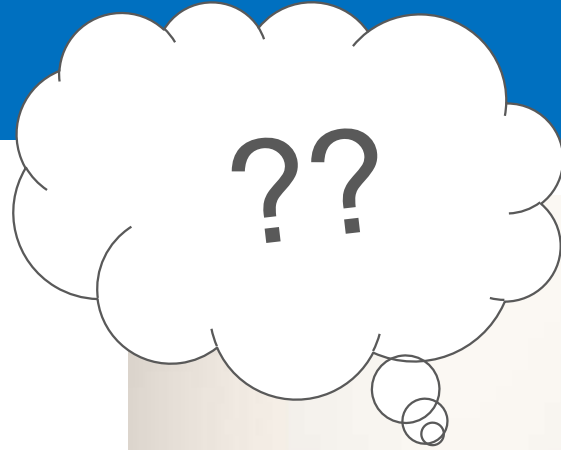


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# How to identify a grandfathered plan

This [group health plan or health insurance issuer] believes this [plan or coverage] is a “grandfathered health plan” under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the Affordable Care Act). As permitted by the Affordable Care Act, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when that law was enacted. Being a grandfathered health plan means that your [plan or policy] may not include certain consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act that apply to other plans, for example, the requirement for the provision of preventive health services without any cost sharing. However, grandfathered health plans must comply with certain other consumer protections in the Affordable Care Act, for example, the elimination of lifetime limits on benefits.

Questions regarding which protections apply and which protections do not apply to a grandfathered health plan and what might cause a plan to change from grandfathered health plan status can be directed to the plan administrator at [insert contact information].

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# Medicare

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

## H R 1570

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a colorectal cancer screening test to which paragraph (1)(Y) of subsection (a) would not apply but for the third sentence of such subsection that is furnished during a year beginning on or after January 1, 2022, and before January 1, 2030, the amount paid shall be equal to the specified percent (as defined in paragraph (2)) for such year of the lesser of the actual charge for the service or the amount determined under the fee schedule that applies to such test under this part (or, in the case such test is a covered OPD service (as defined in subsection (t)(1)(B)), the amount determined under subsection (t)).

“(2) SPECIFIED PERCENT DEFINED.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘specified percent’ means—

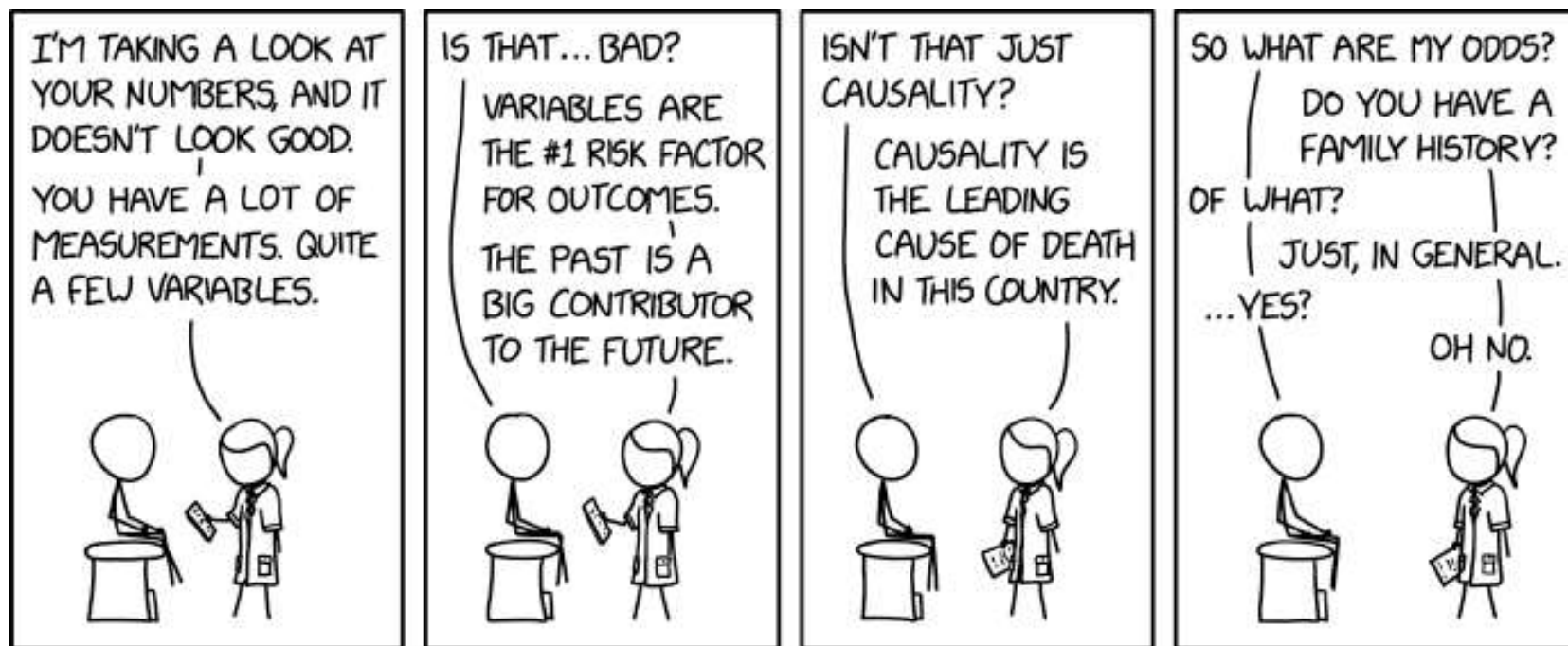
“(A) for 2022 and 2023, 80 percent;

“(B) for 2024 and 2025, 85 percent;

“(C) for 2026 and 2027, 90 percent; and

“(D) for 2028 and 2029, 95 percent.”.

# Underinsured, uninsured population



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# North Dakota Colorectal Cancer Screening Initiative (NDCRCSI)

## Enrollment Hub

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## Enrollment Specialists

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# Questions





- Affordable Care Act  
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-111publ148/pdf/PLAW-111publ148.pdf>
- 8 Tips Give You Straight Facts on Modifier 33 (AAPC)  
<https://www.aapc.com/blog/23022-8-tips-give-you-straight-facts-on-modifier-33/>
- United States Preventive Services Taskforce Recommendation: Colorectal Cancer Screening  
<https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/recommendation/colorectal-cancer-screening>
- FAQs about Affordable Care Act Implementation Part 51  
<https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/EBSA/about-ebsa/our-activities/resource-center/faqs/aca-part-51.pdf>
- Medicare coverage of Colonoscopies  
<https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/colonoscopies>
- Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act  
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1570>
- North Dakota Colorectal Cancer Screening Initiative (NDCRCSI)  
<https://www.qualityhealthnd.org/contracts/ndcrc/>

## References and Resources

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# Upcoming P2P Events

**Tuesday,  
September 20, 2022  
12:00 noon, CT**

**Screen Surge: Small Town Clinic Strategies to Speed Success**

**Presenters: Tyawna Ackerman, Population Health Nurse, and Holly Gaugler, Clinic Manager**

**Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center Clinics**

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[www.screeND.org](http://www.screeND.org)