

# North Dakota Colorectal Cancer Screening Initiative



## What is the initiative?

North Dakota Department of Health program designed to:

- Reduce colorectal cancer (CRC) morbidity and mortality through early detection
- Provide CRC screening to age and income eligible persons in North Dakota (including limited diagnostic follow-up testing, where appropriate)

## Who is eligible?

- Persons ages 45-64
- Resident of North Dakota
- Uninsured or underinsured
- At an average/increased risk for CRC
- Low-income (requires annual income to fall within 139 to 200% of federal poverty guidelines: <https://www.health.nd.gov/crc>)
- Due or past due for CRC screening

## Why should I participate?

- The costs associated with CRC screenings can be too high for some patients to afford, especially for those without health insurance.
- Reducing out-of-pocket costs for CRC screening is an effective way to increase the number of people who get screened.
- NDCRC SI reduces/removes the financial burden for eligible patients to receive recommended CRC screenings for early detection.

## What Providers Should Know

### What services are reimbursed?

- Take-home stool test for individuals of average risk for colorectal CRC (diagnostic colonoscopy for those who have had a positive stool test)
- Office visit where the take-home stool test was ordered
- Colonoscopy procedure for patients considered at increased or high risk for CRC
- Office visit where the colonoscopy procedure was ordered
- Pre-op office visit, if determined by the physician performing the colonoscopy procedure that this office visit is needed prior to the colonoscopy
- Limited lab work with a pre-op office visit
- Bowel prep
- Analysis of any biopsies taken during the colonoscopy procedure
- Follow-up colonoscopy procedure of enrolled individuals in the NDCRC SI

### How do I become an Initiative provider?

- Complete a Provider Cooperative Agreement
- Submit evidence of licensure or certification as a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, clinic, hospital, mammography facility or laboratory
- Establish and maintain a patient record for each enrollee seen through the Initiative
- Establish tracking and follow-up systems to encourage Initiative enrollees to receive regular screening and appropriate diagnostic treatment services
- Comply with the Initiative quality assurance standards for CRC screening

### Where can I learn more?

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- Email: [nmedalen@qualityhealthnd.org](mailto:nmedalen@qualityhealthnd.org)
- Website: <https://www.qualityhealthnd.org/contracts/ndcrc>
  - North Dakota Colorectal Cancer Screening Initiative Health Care Provider Handbook
  - ICD-10 Codes