

SNAPSHOT

A quick look at tips, tools, and updates for CRC Screening improvement



Season of Thanks

This season and every season we want to express our deepest thanks and gratitude for the intelligent, competent, and dedicated partners in advancing CRC Screening rates in North Dakota.

“We believe that continuous quality improvement is essential in all we do and is a vital measurement of what we want to be.”

Excerpt from Unity Medical Center’s philosophy statement

FEATURED RESOURCES

Billing Modifier 52 – Commercial, Medicaid, Medicaid Expansion, and Medicare

What happens if a patient or provider chooses colonoscopy for routine colorectal cancer screening, but the colonoscopy is incomplete due to poor colonoscopy prep? This is a very common scenario but should not prevent the patient from completing colorectal cancer screening. Billing modifier 52 identifies a colonoscopy that was performed but not completely due to poor prep by the patient. An explanation must be provided with this modifier. This modifier should reduce or eliminate coinsurance; however, each plan may differ in coverage for incomplete screenings. View additional information on Billing Modifiers [here](#)!

HEALTH EQUITY

Opportunity to Participate in ND Research Project: The UND School of Medicine is conducting a research project studying the barriers to, and supports for, colorectal cancer prevention and treatment in North Dakota and needs your help!

You must provide care for CRC patients in one of the following counties to participate: Adams, Benson, Bottineau, Burleigh, Cavalier, Golden Valley, Grand Forks, Mountrail, Pierce, Ransom, Renville, Sargent, Slope, Towner, or Walsh. Interviews will be conducted via video conference and would last no more than 60 minutes. The interview will include questions related to the knowledge around promoting colorectal cancer screening and treatment.

[Click Here](#) to learn more or volunteer to participate.

Please **SHARE** with your providers & Nurses!

5,750

The number of additional people who have been screened as a result of the efforts of Screend Teams, based on latest available rates!

SHOUT-OUTS

📣 **McKenzie Health** is off to a running start with their CRC Screening Improvement by implementing a “see and do” colonoscopy protocol for average risk patients. They have reduced a barrier to colonoscopy by eliminating the pre-op appointment and performing those assessments immediately prior to the procedure.

📣 Impressive development happening at **Quentin N Burdick Memorial Health Care Facility** and their partnership with **Quentin N Burdick Public Health and Turtle Mountain Tribal Health** to roll out the option of mtS-DNA (Cologuard®) through their Women’s Event held on Indigenous Day!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NDSRSCI Orientation Office Hours

Are you new to NDSRSCI? Please join us for virtual office hours on any or all the following dates:

- Wed. Nov 1, 12-12:30 pm
- Thurs. Nov 30, 8:30-9 am
- Mon. Dec 4, 2-2:30 pm
- Tues. Dec 12, 12-12:30 pm
- Fri. Jan 5 10-10:30am
- Thurs. Jan 18, 4-4:30 pm

Come and ask your questions about referrals, billing, and how to use the program. Meeting Link: [Click Here](#)

NEWS

Cost Share Pointer

Medicare Advantage plans provide all Medicare Part A and Part B coverage, including those mandated by law or the Physician Final Rule. However, Advantage plans can have additional restrictions.

[The Care Provider Administrative Guides](#) (UHC) describes any referral, advance notice, and prior authorization requirements for the plans. If a member’s health plan ID card says “Referral Required”, certain services may require a referral from the member’s primary care provider and prior authorization obtained by the treating physician.

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