

Breast Cancer Screening (BCS-E)

Why It Matters

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States with the exception of skin cancers.¹



Accounting for **approximately 1 in 3 of all new cancer diagnoses in females each year**, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women.^{ibid} Because most people impacted by breast cancer do not exhibit symptoms, screenings are recommended at age 40.^{ibid}



Measure Description

The percentage of women aged 40 to 74 as of Dec. 31 of the measurement year that had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer in the past two years.

*The age group for Medicare Stars remains at 50–74 for 2026 in the interim.



Key Tips

- ✓ Obtain mammography report with date and result every two years or yearly when indicated.
- ✓ Follow-up on outstanding orders when no result has been obtained.
- ✓ Document mammogram screening at annual visits with patient reported month and year.
- ✓ Document mastectomy status or other exclusions annually, including month and year (use of Z codes are a best practice).
- ✓ Educate patients about the importance of early detection and encourage testing at annual preventive visits.

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What Do You Need to Do?

- ✓ Order a mammography report, including the date and result, every two years, or more frequently when necessary.
- ✓ Document the mammogram screening at a patient's annual visit.
- ✓ Ensure documentation of a completed mammogram by denoting the month and year, and follow-up on outstanding orders when no result has been obtained.
- ✓ Remind patients to complete a Release of Information (ROI) at their radiology appointment to enable the primary care provider to receive the mammogram test results.
- ✓ Work with the IT department to confirm appropriate code mapping in documentation when submitting supplemental data files.
- ✓ Educate patients on the importance of a mammogram for cancer screening.
- ✓ Assist patients in scheduling mammograms at checkout and identify any barriers that may prevent members from completing the test.

The suggested codes for these services include:

Description	Code
Mammogram	CPT: 77061–77063, 77065–77067

References

¹American Cancer Society. (n.d.) Overview of Breast Cancer. Retrieved from www.cancer.org.