



Message to Physician:

BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee has expanded the configuration and code mapping for screening colonoscopy. The intent of this change is to more accurately identify screening colonoscopies and apply appropriate benefits. The new expanded configuration includes G0105, plus several diagnostic colonoscopy codes when filed with one of three cancer screening diagnosis codes.

Description of codes that point to screening colonoscopy benefits:

HCPCS codes:

G0105	Colorectal cancer screening; colonoscopy on individual at high risk
G0121	Colorectal cancer screening; colonoscopy on individual not meeting criteria for high risk

ICD-9-CM codes:

V76.41	Screening for malignant neoplasm of the rectum
V76.50	Special screening for malignant neoplasms; Intestine, unspecified
V76.51	Special screening for malignant neoplasms; Colon

CPT® codes (when filed with V76.41, V76.50 or V76.51):

45378	Colonoscopy
45380	Colonoscopy with biopsy
45381	Colonoscopy with directed submucosal injection
45383	Colonoscopy with ablation of tumor, polyp or other lesion
45384	Colonoscopy with removal of tumor, polyp or other lesion by hot biopsy forceps or bipolar cautery
45385	Colonoscopy with removal of tumor, polyp or other lesion by snare technique

Example: A patient presents for a screening colonoscopy and has no gastrointestinal symptoms. During the screening colonoscopy, a polyp is found and removed.

If the claim is filed with diagnosis code V76.51 and procedure code 45384, the patient will receive screening colonoscopy benefits.

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