

Breast Cancer Screening (BCS-E)

By collaborating, we can improve health outcomes for your patients, our members. This MDwise tip sheet provides best practices and tips that can optimize HEDIS scores and identify opportunities to improve patient care.

What Is the Measure?

The percentage of members 50–74 years of age who were recommended for routine breast cancer screening and had one (1) or more mammograms any time on or between October 1, two (2) years prior to the measurement period and the end of the measurement period.



Summary of 2023 Changes:

BCS is a retired measure and has been replaced with BCS-E.



IHCP-Covered Codes to Identify BCS-E:

Description	Codes
Breast Cancer Screening	CPT: 77061-77063, 77065-77067

Earn incentive dollars when your members meet this measure!

For example, a panel of 500 members = \$375/month [Physician Pay for Value \(mdwise.org\)](https://www.mdwise.org)

How to Improve Your Quality Score:

- **Ensure that an order** for a mammogram is given at well-woman exams for women 50-74 years of age.
- **All types and methods of mammograms** (screening, diagnostic, film, digital or digital breast tomosynthesis) meet the numerator compliance. Do not count biopsies, breast ultrasounds or MRIs.
- **Refer patients** to local mammography imaging centers. Follow up to confirm completion.
- **Schedule mobile mammography events** at clinics or during health fairs, etc.
- **Educate patients** on the importance of routine screening (at least once every 24 months). Remind patients that preventive screenings are covered under health care reform. Depending on risk factors, mammograms may be completed more often.
- **Discuss possible concerns or fears** patients may have about the screening.
- **Develop standing orders** with automated referrals (if applicable) for members 50-74 years of age.
- **Discuss the importance** of breast cancer screenings and ensure members are up-to-date with their annual mammograms.
- **Note the date of the mammogram** with proof of completion in the medical record to confirm that the screening was ordered and completed. Discuss the results or findings with the patient.