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Preventive Services Covered under the Affordable Care Act

If you have a new health insurance plan or insurance policy beginning on or after September 23, 2010, the following preventive services must be covered without your having to pay a copayment or co-insurance or meet your deductible. This applies only when these services are delivered by a network provider.

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Covered Preventive Services for Adults

- **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** one-time screening for men of specified ages who have ever smoked
- **Alcohol Misuse** screening and counseling
- **Aspirin** use for men and women of certain ages
- **Blood Pressure** screening for all adults
- **Cholesterol** screening for adults of certain ages or at higher risk
- **Colorectal Cancer** screening for adults over 50
- **Depression** screening for adults
- **Type 2 Diabetes** screening for adults with high blood pressure
- **Diet** counseling for adults at higher risk for chronic disease
- **HIV** screening for all adults at higher risk
- **Immunization** vaccines for adults--doses, recommended ages, and recommended populations vary:
 - Hepatitis A
 - Hepatitis B
 - Herpes Zoster
 - Human Papillomavirus
 - Influenza (Flu Shot)
 - Measles, Mumps, Rubella
 - Meningococcal
 - Pneumococcal
 - Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis
 - Varicella
- **Obesity** screening and counseling for all adults
- **Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI)** prevention counseling for adults at higher risk
- **Tobacco Use** screening for all adults and cessation interventions for tobacco users
- **Syphilis** screening for all adults at higher risk

Covered Preventive Services for Women, Including Pregnant Women

Note: Services marked with an asterisk (*) must be covered with no cost-sharing in plan years starting on or after August 1, 2012.

- **Anemia** screening on a routine basis for pregnant women
- **Bacteriuria** urinary tract or other infection screening for pregnant women
- **BRCA** counseling about genetic testing for women at higher risk
- **Breast Cancer Mammography** screenings every 1 to 2 years for women over 40
- **Breast Cancer Chemoprevention** counseling for women at higher risk
- **Breastfeeding** comprehensive support and counseling from trained providers, as well as access to breastfeeding supplies, for pregnant and nursing women*
- **Cervical Cancer** screening for sexually active women
- **Chlamydia Infection** screening for younger women and other women at higher risk
- **Contraception:** Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling, not including abortifacient drugs*
- **Domestic and interpersonal violence** screening and counseling for all women*
- **Folic Acid** supplements for women who may become pregnant
- **Gestational diabetes** screening for women 24 to 28 weeks pregnant and those at high risk of developing gestational diabetes*
- **Gonorrhea** screening for all women at higher risk
- **Hepatitis B** screening for pregnant women at their first prenatal visit
- **Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)** screening and counseling for sexually active women*
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) DNA Test:** high risk HPV DNA testing every three years for women with normal cytology results who are 30 or older*
- **Osteoporosis** screening for women over age 60 depending on risk factors
- **Rh Incompatibility** screening for all pregnant women and follow-up testing for women at higher risk
- **Tobacco Use** screening and interventions for all women, and expanded counseling for pregnant tobacco users
- **Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)** counseling for sexually active women*
- **Syphilis** screening for all pregnant women or other women at increased risk
- **Well-woman visits** to obtain recommended preventive services for women under 65*

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Covered Preventive Services for Children

- **Alcohol and Drug Use** assessments for adolescents
- **Autism** screening for children at 18 and 24 months
- **Behavioral** assessments for children of all ages
- **Blood Pressure** screening for children
- **Cervical Dysplasia** screening for sexually active females
- **Congenital Hypothyroidism** screening for newborns
- **Depression** screening for adolescents
- **Developmental** screening for children under age 3, and surveillance throughout childhood
- **Dyslipidemia** screening for children at higher risk of lipid disorders
- **Fluoride Chemoprevention** supplements for children without fluoride in their water source
- **Gonorrhea** preventive medication for the eyes of all newborns
- **Hearing** screening for all newborns
- **Height, Weight and Body Mass Index** measurements for children
- **Hematocrit or Hemoglobin** screening for children
- **Hemoglobinopathies** or sickle cell screening for newborns
- **HIV** screening for adolescents at higher risk
- **Immunization** vaccines for children from birth to age 18 —doses, recommended ages, and recommended populations vary:
 - Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis
 - Haemophilus influenzae type b
 - Hepatitis A
 - Hepatitis B
 - Human Papillomavirus
 - Inactivated Poliovirus
 - Influenza (Flu Shot)
 - Measles, Mumps, Rubella
 - Meningococcal
 - Pneumococcal
 - Rotavirus
 - Varicella
- **Iron** supplements for children ages 6 to 12 months at risk for anemia
- **Lead** screening for children at risk of exposure
- **Medical History** for all children throughout development
- **Obesity** screening and counseling
- **Oral Health** risk assessment for young children
- **Phenylketonuria (PKU)** screening for this genetic disorder in newborns
- **Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI)** prevention counseling and screening for adolescents at higher risk
- **Tuberculin** testing for children at higher risk of tuberculosis
- **Vision** screening for all children

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