



Genetic testing: oncology - cancer screening

These services may or may not be covered by your HealthPartners plan. Please see your plan documents for your specific coverage information. If there is a difference between this general information and your plan documents, your plan documents will be used to determine your coverage.

Administrative Process

The following cancer screening tests are considered investigational/experimental and therefore not covered:

- Urinary Biomarker Tests for Pre-cancerous Colon Polyps
- Blood-based Biomarker Tests for lung cancer screening
- Blood-based Biomarker tests for colorectal cancer screening

Prior authorization is not required unless associated with a procedure code listed in “Box A”, below.

Box A: Genetic testing procedure codes that require prior authorization
Molecular pathology procedures, Tier 2 or unlisted (CPT 81400-81408, 81479)
Unlisted multianalyte assays (CPT 81599)
Any other listed or unlisted laboratory/pathology CPT code when it is used in association with a genetic test.

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Tests that require prior authorization will be reviewed for medical necessity of the testing as a whole. That is, a single coverage decision will apply to all of the tests, services, and/or procedure codes associated with the genetic test, whether they are requested/billed together or separately.

Policy Reference Table

If available, codes are listed below for informational purposes only, and do not guarantee member coverage or provider reimbursement. The list may not be all-inclusive.

Coverage Criteria Sections	Example Tests (Labs)	Common CPT Codes	Common ICD Codes
Colorectal Cancer Screening Tests			
Urinary Biomarker Tests for Pre-cancerous Colon Polyps	PolypDx, Metabolomic Technologies	0002U	Z12.10-Z12.13
Blood-based Biomarker Colorectal Cancer Screening Tests	BeScreened-CRC (Beacon Biomedical)	0163U	Z12.10-Z12.13
	FirstSight (CellMax Life)	0091U	
	ColonSentry (StageZero Life Sciences)	81599	
	Epi proColon (Epigenomics)	81327, G0327	
	ColoVantage (Quest Diagnostics)		
	ColoScape Colorectal Cancer Detection (DiaCarta Clinical Lab)	0368U	
	Guardant Shield (Guardant Health)	81479	
Lung Cancer Screening Tests			
Blood-based Biomarker Lung Cancer Screening Tests	FirstLook (Delfi Diagnostics)		Z12.2

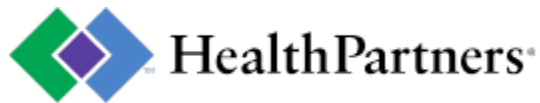
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Coverage

Urinary Biomarker Tests for Pre-cancerous Polyps

1. The use of urinary biomarker tests for pre-cancerous polyps is considered investigational.

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Blood-based Biomarker Colorectal Cancer Screening Tests

1. The use of blood-based biomarker tests to screen for colorectal cancer is considered **investigational**.

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Lung Cancer Screening Tests

1. The use of blood-based biomarker tests for lung cancer screening is considered **investigational**.

Definitions

MicroRNAs (miRNAs) are tissue specific, small, non-coding RNAs regulating gene expression which may identify candidates for early detection of lung cancer.

Products

This information is for most, but not all, HealthPartners plans. Please read your plan documents to see if your plan has limits or will not cover some items. If there is a difference between this general information and your plan documents, your plan documents will be used to determine your coverage. These coverage criteria do not apply to Medicare Products. For more information regarding Medicare coverage criteria or for a copy of a Medicare coverage policy, contact Member Services at 952-883-7272 or 1-877-778-8384.

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