**Medicare Star Program**

**Breast Cancer Screening (BCS)**

**Q: Which members are included in the sample?**

**A:** Women 50 to 74 years of age who had one or more mammograms to screen for breast cancer any time on or between **10/1/2014 - 12/31/2016**.

**Q: What codes are used?**

**A:** Please reference attached sample codes and Value Set Directory for additional codes

**Q: What documentation is needed in the medical record?**

**A:** *None.* This measure requires **claim/encounter data** submission only using the appropriate Value Set Codes.

**Q: What type of document is acceptable?**

**A:** Evidence from claim/encounter
- Screening Mammography between 10/1/2014 - 12/31/2016

**Q: How to improve score for this HEDIS measure?**

**A:**
- Use of complete and accurate Value Set Codes
- Timely submission of claims and encounter data
- Note that mammograms do not need prior authorization and share list of nearby contracted imaging/mammography centers with member
- Educate female members about the importance of early detection, address common barriers/fears, and encourage testing
- Proper coding or documentation of mastectomy either bilateral or unilateral – *to assist in excluding member from the HEDIS sample. See below for exclusion criteria*

**Exclusions** for Breast Cancer Screening: *(Use designated Value Set Code for each)*

Any of the following meet criteria for bilateral mastectomy:
- Bilateral Mastectomy
- Unilateral Mastectomy with a bilateral modifier

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**Q: How to improve score for this HEDIS measure?**

- Two unilateral mastectomies with service dates 14 days or more apart
- Unilateral mastectomy with right-side modifier with same date of service
- Unilateral mastectomy with left-side modifier with same date of service

*Note: Biopsies, breast ultrasounds, MRIs and tomosynthesis (3D mammography) are not appropriate methods for breast cancer screening.*
SAMPLE CODES

The codes listed below are not inclusive and do not represent a complete list of codes found in the NCQA HEDIS® Value Set. To ensure accurate documentation, please refer to the HEDIS® 2017 Value Set Directory located on the L.A. Care Website at:

http://www.lacare.org/providers/provider-resources/hedis-resources

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Exclusion codes

Refer to Bilateral Mastectomy Value Set, Unilateral Mastectomy Value Set, Absence of Left Breast Value Set, Absence of Right Breast Value Set, History of Bilateral Mastectomy, Left Modifier Value Set, Right Modifier Value Set, Bilateral Modifier Value Set