



UNDERSTANDING YOUR PREVENTIVE CARE HEALTH COVERAGE

Getting the right preventive care services at the right time can help you stay healthier by:

- Preventing certain illnesses and health conditions from happening; or
- Detecting a health problem at a stage that may be easier to treat.

That's why your Cigna plan covers designated preventive care services. When you receive care in-network, it generally is at a lower cost to you. Depending on your plan, in-network preventive care services may be covered at 100% – but be sure to check your plan materials for details about your specific medical plan.

To make sure you get the care you need – without any unexpected out-of-pocket costs – it's important for you to understand the following:

- What a preventive care service is; and
- Which services your health plan will cover.



What is a preventive care service?

Preventive care services are provided when you don't have any symptoms and haven't been diagnosed with the health issue connected with the preventive service. For example, a flu vaccination is given to prevent the flu before you get it. Other preventive care services like mammograms can help detect an illness when there aren't any symptoms.

Even if you're in the best shape of your life, a serious condition with no signs or symptoms may put your health at risk. During a wellness exam, you and your doctor will determine what tests and health screenings are right for you based on your age, gender, personal health history and current health.

Even when your appointment is for a preventive exam, you may receive other services during that exam that are not preventive care services. For example, your doctor may check on a chronic condition such as heart disease.

When your doctor determines that you have a medical issue present, the additional screenings and tests after this diagnosis are no longer considered preventive. These services are covered under your plan's medical benefits, not your preventive care benefits. This means you may be responsible for paying a different share of the cost than you do for preventive care services.

The charts on the following pages outline the various services and supplies considered as preventive care under your plan. If you have additional questions about preventive care services, talk to your doctor or call Cigna at the toll-free number on the back of your ID card.

Wellness exams

SERVICE	GROUP	AGE, FREQUENCY
Well-baby/well-child/well-person exams, including annual well-woman exam (includes height, weight, head circumference, BMI, blood pressure, history, anticipatory guidance, education regarding risk reduction, psychosocial/behavioral assessment)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth, 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 24 and 30 months • Additional visit at 2–4 days for infants discharged less than 48 hours after delivery • Ages 3 to 21 once a year • Ages 22 and older periodic visits, as doctor advises

The following routine immunizations are currently designated preventive services:

SERVICE	SERVICE
Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis (DTaP, Tdap, Td)	Meningococcal (MCV)
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate (Hib)	Pneumococcal (pneumonia)
Hepatitis A (HepA)	Poliovirus (IPV)
Hepatitis B (HepB)	Rotavirus (RV)
Human papillomavirus (HPV) (age and gender criteria apply depending on vaccine brand)	Varicella (chickenpox)
Influenza vaccine	Zoster (shingles)
Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)	

You may view the three immunization schedules on the CDC website: [cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/).

Health screenings and interventions

SERVICE	GROUP	AGE, FREQUENCY
Alcohol misuse screening		All adults
Anemia screening		Pregnant women
Aspirin to prevent cardiovascular disease ¹		Men ages 45–79; women ages 55–79
Autism screening		18, 24 months
Bacteriuria screening		Pregnant women
Breast cancer screening (mammogram)		Women ages 40 and older, every 1–2 years
Breast-feeding support/counseling, supplies ²		During pregnancy and after birth
Cervical cancer screening (Pap test) HPV DNA test with Pap test		Women ages 21–65, every 3 years Women ages 30–65, every 5 years
Chlamydia screening		Sexually active women ages 24 and under and older women at risk
Cholesterol/lipid disorders screening		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening of children and adolescents (after age 2, but by age 10) at risk due to known family history; when family history is unknown; or with personal risk factors (obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes) • All men ages 35 and older, or ages 20–35 if risk factors • All women ages 45 and older, or ages 20–45 if risk factors
Colon cancer screening		<p>The following tests will be covered for colorectal cancer screening, ages 50 and older:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fecal occult blood test (FOBT) or fecal immunochemical test (FIT) annually • Flexible sigmoidoscopy every 5 years • Double-contrast barium enema (DCBE) every 5 years • Colonoscopy every 10 years • Computed tomographic colonography (CTC)/virtual colonoscopy every 5 years – Requires precertification

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SERVICE	GROUP	AGE, FREQUENCY
Congenital hypothyroidism screening		Newborns
Contraception counseling/education. Contraceptive products and services ^{1,3,4}		Women with reproductive capacity
Depression screening	  	Ages 12–18, All adults
Developmental screening		9, 18, 30 months
Developmental surveillance		Newborn 1, 2, 4, 6, 12, 15, 24 months. At each visit ages 3 to 21
Diabetes screening	 	Adults with sustained blood pressure greater than 135/80
Discussion about potential benefits/risk of breast cancer preventive medication		Women at risk
Dental caries prevention (Evaluate water source for sufficient fluoride; if deficient prescribe oral fluoride ¹)		Children older than 6 months
Domestic and interpersonal violence screening		All women
Fall prevention in older adults (physical therapy, vitamin D supplementation ¹)	 	Community-dwelling adults ages 65 and older with risk factors (coverage effective upon your plan's start or anniversary date on or after 5/1/13)
Folic acid supplementation ¹		Women planning or capable of pregnancy
Genetic counseling/evaluation and BRCA1/BRCA2 testing		Women at risk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genetic counseling must be provided by an independent board-certified genetic counselor or clinical geneticist prior to BRCA1/BRCA2 genetic testing BRCA1/BRCA2 testing requires precertification
Gestational diabetes screening		Pregnant women
Gonorrhea screening		Sexually active women at risk
Hearing screening (not complete hearing examination)		All newborns by 1 month. Ages 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 or as doctor advises
Healthy diet/nutrition counseling	  	Ages 6 and older – to promote improvement in weight status. Adults with hyperlipidemia, those at risk for cardiovascular disease or diet-related chronic disease
Hemoglobin or hematocrit		12 months
Hepatitis B screening		Pregnant women
HIV screening and counseling	  	Pregnant women; adolescents and adults 15 to 65 years; younger adolescents and older adults at risk; sexually active women, annually
Iron supplementation ¹		6–12 months for children at risk
Lead screening		12, 24 months
Metabolic/hemoglobinopathies (according to state law)		Newborns
Obesity screening	  	Ages 6 and older. All adults
Oral health evaluation/assess for dental referral		12, 18, 24, 30 months. Ages 3 and 6
Osteoporosis screening		Age 65 or older (or under age 65 for women at risk). Computed tomographic bone density study requires precertification
PKU screening		Newborns
Ocular (eye) medication to prevent blindness		Newborns
Prostate cancer screening (PSA)		Men ages 50 and older or age 40 with risk factors
Rh incompatibility test		Pregnant women
Sexually transmitted diseases counseling		Sexually active women, annually

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SERVICE	GROUP	AGE, FREQUENCY
Sexually transmitted infections (STI) screening		All sexually active adolescents. All adults at risk
Sickle cell disease screening		Newborns
Skin cancer prevention counseling to minimize exposure to ultraviolet radiation		Ages 10–24
Syphilis screening		Individuals at risk; Pregnant women
Tobacco use/cessation interventions		All adults; Pregnant women
Tuberculin test		Children and adolescents at risk
Ultrasound aortic abdominal aneurysm screening		Men ages 65–75 who have ever smoked
Vision screening (not complete eye examination)		Ages 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15 and 18 or as doctor advises

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Other coverage: Your plan supplements the preventive care services listed above with additional services that are commonly ordered by primary care physicians during preventive care visits. These include services such as urinalysis, EKG, thyroid screening, electrolyte panel, Vitamin D measurement, bilirubin, iron and metabolic panels.

1. Subject to the terms of your plan's pharmacy coverage, certain drugs and products may be covered at 100%. Your doctor is required to give you a prescription, including for those that are available over-the-counter, for them to be covered under your Pharmacy benefit. Cost sharing may be applied for brand name products where generic alternatives are available. Please refer to Cigna's "No Cost Preventive Medications by Drug Category" Guide for information on drugs and products with no out-of-pocket cost.
2. Subject to the terms of your plan's medical coverage, breast-feeding equipment rental and supplies may be covered at the preventive level. Your doctor is required to provide a prescription, and the equipment and supplies must be ordered through CareCentrix, Cigna's national durable medical equipment vendor. Precertification is required for some types of breast pump equipment.
3. Examples include oral contraceptives; diaphragms; hormonal injections and contraceptive supplies (spermicide, female condoms); emergency contraception.
4. Subject to the terms of your plan's medical coverage, contraceptive products and services such as some types of IUD's, implants and sterilization procedures may be covered at the preventive level. Check your plan materials for details about your specific medical plan.

These preventive health services are based on recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (A and B recommendations), the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for immunizations, the American Academy of Pediatrics' Periodicity Schedule of the Bright Futures Recommendations for Pediatric Preventive Health Care, the Uniform Panel of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children and, with respect to women, evidence-informed preventive care and screening guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. For additional information on immunizations, visit the immunization schedule section of www.cdc.gov. This document is a general guide. Always discuss your particular preventive care needs with your doctor.

Exclusions

This document provides highlights of preventive care coverage generally. Some preventive services may not be covered under your plan. For example, immunizations for travel are generally not covered. Other non-covered services/supplies may include any service or device that is not medically necessary or services/supplies that are unproven (experimental or investigational). For the specific coverage terms of your plan, refer to the Evidence of Coverage, Summary Plan Description or Insurance Certificate.

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