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Dear Patty:

Q: What screenings are recommended for Men?

A: Below is a list of some of the recommended screening tests/preventive services:

SCREENING	DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) screening	 One time screening for ages 65 to 75 who have ever smoked or have a family history of AAA Can be performed at your doctor's office or at a standalone diagnostic imaging center. Copay varies by plan. There will be higher out of pocket expenses if performed at a hospital.
Aspirin to prevent Cardiovascular Disease	The use of aspirin for men ages 45 to 79 years when the potential benefit due to a reduction in myocardial infarctions outweighs the potential harm due to an increase in gastrointestinal hemorrhage.
Blood Pressure Screenings	Screening for High Blood Pressure for adults age 18 and older.
Cholesterol abnormalities screening	 Men ages 35 and older: screening for lipid disorders Men ages 20-35 years of age: screening for lipid disorders if they are at increased risk of coronary heart disease.



Patty's Points



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Colorectal Cancer Screening	 Between ages 50 and 75 Stool Test/Colonoscopy/Sigmoidoscopy Routine Screenings & Diagnostic colonoscopies are covered 100% of the allowable charges. No copays apply. This includes participating/innetwork facility charges, surgeon, anesthesiologist, & pathologist fees. (Note: Specimens sent to an out of network lab or pathologist will not be covered.)
Diabetes Screening	 Screening for abnormal blood glucose as part of cardiovascular risk assessment men ages 40 to 70 years who are overweight or obese.
Hepatitis B Screening	 Screening for hepatitis B virus infection in persons at high risk for infection
Hepatitis C Screening	 Screening for hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection in persons at high risk for infection One-time screening for HCV infection to adults born between 1945 and 1965.
Lung Cancer Screening	 Annual screening for lung cancer with low-dose computed tomography in adults aged 55 to 80 years who have a 30 pack-year smoking history and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years
Prostate Cancer Screening	Discuss with your doctor.
Skin Cancer Screening	 Discuss with your Primary Care Physician about getting screened. Under the HMO plans you have <u>5 visits per calendar year</u> without a referral from your Primary Care Physician to consult with a BlueCare HMO participating Dermatologist.



Q: Which Immunizations are covered under my plan?

A: Here's a list of some of the covered immunizations.

IMMUNIZATIONS	PLAN BENEFITS
Annual Flu Vaccine	 Covered 100% when administered at CareHere Health & Wellness Center (HWC), an in-network doctor's office or at an in-network Convenient Care Center (CCC), i.e., Participating Clinics located inside the Walgreens or CVS Pharmacy. (Important Note: Not all locations are contracted to administer the flu vaccine. Please check with Patty Nguyen for a list of participating providers.) Effective January, 2017, you may have this vaccine administered by a pharmacist at a local in-network pharmacy at no cost.
Pneumococcal PCV13 and PPSV23	 Ages 19-64: if risk factors are present. Age 65 or older: 1-2 doses (Per CDC). Ages 50 and older: 1 dose (Florida Blue Benefits) Effective January, 2017 you may have this vaccine administered by a pharmacist at a local in-network pharmacy at no cost.
Shingles (Zoster) Vaccine	 Age 50 or older: 1 dose Effective January, 2017, you may have this vaccine administered by a pharmacist at a local in-network pharmacy at no cost. (Note: The Shingles Vaccine administered at the Pasco County Health Department is NOT COVERED.)
Tetanus, Diptheria and Pertussis (Td/Tdap)	 Age 19 or older. Booster every 10 years. Covered 100% at CareHere HWC or at your innetwork doctor's office.