Geisinger Health Plan

Preventive health coverage



Wellness Exams and Immunizations		
Service	Coverage	
Well-baby and well-child visits Includes: height, weight, head circumference, BMI, history, anticipatory guidance, education regarding risk reduction and psychological/ behavioral assessment *Note: There may be member cost sharing for some services dependent on the benefit plan.	 Birth, 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 24 & 30 months. Additional visit at 2-4 days for infants discharged less than 48 hours after delivery. Once a year from ages 3 to 21 Periodic visits, based on age, after age 22 	
Diphtheria, tetanus toxoids and acelluar pertussis (DTaP) Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate (Hib) Hepatitis A (HepA) Hepatitis B (HepB) Human papillomavirus (HPV): limit 3 per lifetime Influenza vaccine Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) Meningococcal (MCV) Pneumococcal (pneumonia) Poliovirus (IPV) Rotavirus Varicella (chickenpox)	Coverage follows the CDC's ACIP recommendations. For the most up-to-date frequency recommendations for these immunizations, please visit https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/index.html If you have any questions regarding immunization coverage, please call the phone number listed on the back of your member ID card	
Zoster	Ages 50 and over	

Health Screenings and interventions		
Service	Coverage	
Alcohol misuse screening and counseling	 Screenings for adults 18 years or older for misuse Counseling interventions for persons engaged in risky or hazardous drinking to reduce misuse 	
Autism	• 18 and 30 months	
Blood Pressure	 At each visit during ages 3 to 10 Once a year ages 11 to 21 Every two years, or as advised, ages 22 and older 	
Cholesterol/lipid disorders	 Children ages 2 and older at risk due to known family history or with personal risk factors such as obesity or high blood pressure All men ages 35 and older, or ages 20-35 with risk factors All women ages 45 and older, or ages 20-45 with risk factors 	
Colon cancer screening	•The following tests for ages 50 and older or any age with risk factors 1. Fecal occult blood test (FOBT), fecal immunochemical test (FIT) or FIT-DNA, tested annually 2. Flexible sigmoidoscopy, every 5 years 3. Colonoscopy, every 10 years	
Congenital hypothyroidism screening	Newborns -Note: Infants born premature, ill or with very low birth weight may benefit from more than one screening due to decreased sensitivity and specificity of screening	
Dental caries (tooth decay) prevention Includes: fluoride varnish to primary teeth starting at age when primary teeth emerge, done at a primary care practice.	Recommended for infants and children up to age 5 Note: It is recommended to prescribe flouride varnish to children with a flouride deficient water supply beginning at 6 months	
Depression screening	Ages 12 and older	
Developmental screening	• 9, 18 and 30 months	
Developmental surveillance	Newborn, 1, 2, 4, 6, 12, 15, and 24 monthsAt each visit ages 2 and older	
Diabetes screening - Includes: HbA1c screening, LDL-C screening and nephtopathy screening	 Ages 40 to 70 if overweight or obese If blood glucose is abnormal, intensive behavioral counseling to promote healthly diet and physical activity 	
Domestic violence screening and counseling	Women of childbearing age. Provide intervention services to those who screen positive	
Fall prevention in older adults - Includes: exercise, physicial therapy and/or vitamin D supplementation to prevent falls	Adults who live in a community-based center who are ages 65 and older and at risk for falls	
Female contraceptive methods and counseling	All Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures and patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity are covered as prescribed by the member's participating doctor or OB/GYN	

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Hearing screening - Note: not complete hearing examination	All newborns before 1 month of ageAges 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11-14, 15-17 and 18-21, or as doctor advises	
Hemoglobin or hematocrit	• 12 months of age	
Hepatitis B screening	Adolescents and adults at risk	
Hepatitis C virus infection screening (HCV)	Adults at risk or adults born between 1945 and 1965	
HIV screening	Adolescents and adults ages 15-65Adolescents and adults at increased risk	
Iron supplementation	6 to 12 months for children at risk	
Lead screening	• 12 and 24 months	
Low-dose aspirin to prevent cardiovascular disease and colorectal cancer - A written or oral prescription must be provided by a provider and presented to a preferred pharmacy or preferred mail order pharmacy for coverage by the plan	• 81.0 mg strength only is covered for men ages 45-79 and women ages 55-79	
Lung cancer screening - Low-dose computed tomography	Annual screening for adults ages 55-80 who have a 30 pack per year smoking history, currently smoke or have quit smoking in the past 15 years. Discontinue screening when the patient has not smoked for 15 years	
Metabolic/hemoglobinopathies - According to state law	All newborns	
Nutrition counseling	Adults with hyperlipidemia, those at risk for cardiovascular disease or diet-related chronic disease	
Obesity screening	Ages 6 and older	
PKU screening	All newborns	
Prophylactic ocular (eye) medication to prevent blindness	All newborns	
Sexually transmitted infections (STI) counseling	All sexually active adolescents and adults	
Sickle cell disease screening	All newborns	
Skin cancer behavioral counseling	All children, adolescents and young adults ages 10-24 with fair skin	
Syphilis screening for nonpregnant persons	All individuals who are at risk	
Tobacco use/cessation interventions test	All adolescents and adults	
Tuberculin test	All children, adolescents and adults at risk	
Ultrasound aortic abdominal aneurysm screening	Men and women ages 65-75 who have ever smokedLimited to one per lifetime	
Vision screening - Note: Not complete eye examination	• Ages 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15 and 18 or as doctor advises	

Women's health screenings and interventions		
Service	Coverage	
Anemia screening	Pregnant women	
Bacteriuria screening	 Pregnant women in the 12th-16th week of gestation or during the first prenatal visit, if such a visit is later than the 12th-16th week 	
Breast cancer screening (mammogram)	Annually for women ages 40 and older, or any mammogram based on the doctor's recommendation for women under 40. Benefits of mammography screening are payable only if performed by a mammography-service doctor who is properly certified by the Department of Health in accordance with the Mammography Quality Assurance Act of 1992	
Breastfeeding promotion	During pregnancy and after birth	
Breastfeeding support, supplies and counseling	Comprehensive lactation support and counseling by a trained doctor during pregnancy and/or in the postpartum period, and the costs for renting breastfeeding equipment are covered	
Cervical cancer screening (pap test)	Within 3 years of sexual activityWomen ages 21-65, at least every 3 years	
Chlamydia screening	All sexually active females ages 24 and youngerAdult women ages 25 and older who are at risk	
Risk assessment, genetic counseling and genetic testing for BRCA-related cancer in women	Women whose family history may put them at risk for harmful BRCA gene mutations. Women with positive screening results should receive genetic counseling and, if indicated after counseling, BRCA testing	
Discussion about potential benefits/risk of breast cancer preventive medication	Women at risk	
Folic acid supplementation - A written or oral prescription must be provided by a provider and presented to a preferred pharmacy or preferred mail order pharmacy for coverage by the plan	Women planning or capable of pregnancy	
Gestational diabetes screening	Pregnant women between 24 and 28 weeks of pregnancy and at the first prenatal visit for women at high risk	
Gonorrhea screening	All sexually active females ages 24 and youngerAdult women ages 25 and older who are at risk	
Hepatitis B screening	Pregnant women at their first prenatal visit	
HIV counseling	Annually for all sexually active women	
Osteoporosis screening	Women at risk, may include but not limited to a DEXA scan (X-ray imaging test which measures bone density for osteoporosis)	
Preeclampsia prevention: aspirin	Low-dose (81mg/d) for pregnant women, after 12 weeks gestation, who are at high risk	
Preeclampsia screening	Blood pressure measurements throughout pregnancy	
Rh incompatibility test - Rh (D) blood typing and antibody testing	All pregnant women during the first prenatal visit and a repeated Rh (D) antibody testing for all unsensitized Rh (D)-negative women at 24-28 weeks of gestation, as required	
Syphilis screening	Pregnant women	
Tobacco use/cessation interventions	Pregnant women and other tobacco users	

Many of these preventive services are covered with no member cost sharing when obtained from a participating/preferred doctor, unless otherwise noted. If your doctor provides medical services during your preventive care visit that are not included in the preventive care list, these items will be considered under your standard medical plan coverage. This means you may be responsible for cost sharing. Please see your plan materials for specific details about your plan coverage.

This document is intended as an easy-to-read summary. Benefits, limitations and exclusions are provided in accordance with the benefit documents and applicable riders under which a member is enrolled. This managed care plan may not cover all your health care expenses. Read your Subscription Certificate and riders carefully to determine which health care services are covered.

These preventive health services are based on recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (A ans B recommendations), the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for immunizations, and the American Academy of Pediatrics' Periodicity Schedule of the Bright Futures Recommendations for Pediatric Preventive Health Care. For additional information on immunizations, visit the immunization schedule section of www.cdc.gov.

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