

PROVIDERALERT

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: March 24, 2026

Subject: HEDIS[®] MY 2026 - Breast Cancer Screening (BCS-E)

Summary: Screening for breast cancer (BCS-E) now targets women 40-74 years of age. Lowering the screening age to 40 directly addresses the rising incidence of cancer in adults under age 50.

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) has expanded the age range for the Breast Cancer Screening (BCS-E) measure to 40-74, aligning with U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendations. In recent years, breast cancer incidence rates have increased by 1% per year. Particularly, breast cancer incidence rates amongst women younger than 50 have a steeper rise in recent years (1.4%).ⁱ Lowering the screening age from 50 to 40 directly addresses the rising incidence of breast cancer in younger women.

HEDIS[®] Measure Guidelines:

The percentage of members 40-74 years of age who were recommended for routine breast cancer screening and had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer. The USPSTF recommends biennial screening mammography for women 40-74 years of age.

What Do You Need to Know about Coding?

Proper coding for patients receiving mammography is important. This measure is collected through claims and Electronic Clinical Data Systems.

CPT codes for mammography:	77061, 77062, 77063, 77065, 77066, 77067
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ⁱ American Cancer Society. (2025). Key Statistics for Breast Cancer. American Cancer Society. <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/breast-cancer/about/how-common-is-breast-cancer.html>