

## Best Practices for Cervical Cancer Screening (CCS)

Dear Parkland Community Health Plan Participating Provider,

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving the quality of care and health outcomes for our members, we are reaching out to provide guidance on enhancing performance for the Cervical Cancer Screening (CCS) measure. This measure, an essential component of the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) metrics, elevates the percentage of members 21–64 years of age who were recommended for routine cervical cancer screening and were screened for cervical cancer. (Please see the next page for additional details about the CCS measure.)

To help you meet this critical metric, we encourage all providers to implement the following best practices to improve CCS performance and, more importantly, ensure optimal care for your patients:



### Utilize Reminders and Outreach

Proactive communication with patients can significantly improve visit adherence. Consider using automated appointment reminders, phone calls, or text messages to remind patients to do the screenings, and create a simple tracking system. For those who cancel appointments, follow up promptly to reschedule.



### Engage with Patients on Preventive Care

Educating patients on the importance of routine screenings is crucial for promoting healthier outcomes. Providing resources and support can encourage patients to engage more actively in their care.



### Additional Recommendations

Develop a screening policy with a standardized course of action within your team.

### Why This Matters

Cervical cancer screening, such as a Pap or human papillomavirus (HPV) test, can identify changes in the cervix before cancer develops or when it is in its early stages.

### Next Steps for Providers

- Make a recommendation for the screening, be persistent with reminders, and create a simple tracking system.
- Develop a screening policy with a standardized course of action within your team.
- Measure progress with a baseline and goals.
- Share these best practices with your care teams to improve awareness and adherence to the guidelines.

If you have any questions or require additional resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to Jeniffer Gonzalez at [Jeniffer.Gonzalez@phhs.org](mailto:Jeniffer.Gonzalez@phhs.org) or visit our Provider Portal for further assistance.

Thank you for your continued dedication to providing high-quality care to our members. By working together, we can continue to make a positive impact on maternal and child health throughout our community.

Sincerely,

PCHP Provider Relations

# Cervical Cancer Screening | CCS

## Did you know?

Approximately **62% of Parkland Community Health Plan members** received a cervical cancer screening in 2023.



## Measure Description

The percentage of women 21–64 years of age who were screened for cervical cancer.

## Rates Reported

Three rates are reported:

- Women 21–64 years of age who had cervical cytology performed within the last 3 years.
- Women 30–64 years of age who had cervical high-risk human papillomavirus (hrHPV) testing performed within the last 5 years.
- Women 30–64 years of age who had cervical cytology/high-risk human papillomavirus (hrHPV) cotesting within the last 5 years.

## Coding

### Cervical Cytology Lab Test

**CPT:** 88141, 88142, 88143, 88147, 88148, 88150, 88152, 88153, 88154, 88164, 88165, 88166, 88167, 88174, 88175

**HCPCS:** G0123, G0124, G0141, G0143, G0144, G0145, G0147, G0148, P3000, P3001, Q0091

**SNOMED CT:** 171149006, 416107004, 417036008, 440623000, 448651000124104

### High Risk HPV Lab Test

**CPT:** 87624, 87625

**HCPCS:** G0476

**SNOMED CT:** 35904009, 718591004, 448651000124104

## CCS Measurement Period

Women 24–64 years as of December 31 of the measurement year.

## How can you improve your performance?

The primary reason patients say they are not screened is because a doctor did not advise it.

- Make a recommendation for the screening.
- Develop a screening policy with a standardized course of action within your team.
- Measure progress with a baseline and goals
- Be persistent with reminders and create a simple tracking system.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/cancer/sage/documents/ICCScreeningToolkit.pdf>