Stay on top of your health
Use your preventive care benefits

Regular preventive care can help you stay healthy and catch problems early, when they are easier to treat. Our health plans offer all the preventive care services and immunizations below at no cost to you. As long as you use a doctor, pharmacy, or lab in your plan’s network, you won’t have to pay anything. If you go to doctors or facilities that are not in your plan, you may have to pay out of pocket.

If you are not sure which exams, tests, or shots make sense for you, talk to your doctor.

Preventive care vs. diagnostic care

What’s the difference? Preventive care helps protect you from getting sick. If your doctor recommends you receive services even though you have no symptoms, that’s preventive care. Diagnostic care is when you have symptoms, and your doctor recommends services to determine what’s causing those symptoms.

Adult preventive care

General preventive physical exams, screenings, and tests (all adults):

- Alcohol misuse: related screening and behavioral counseling
- Aortic aneurysm screening (for men who have smoked)
- Behavioral counseling to promote a healthy diet
- Blood pressure
- Bone density test to screen for osteoporosis
- Cholesterol and lipid (fat) levels screening
- Colorectal cancer screenings, including fecal occult blood test, barium enema, flexible sigmoidoscopy, screening colonoscopy and related prep kit, and computed tomography (CT) colonography (as appropriate)
- Depression screening
- Diabetes screening (type 2)
- Eye chart test for vision
- Hepatitis B virus (HBV) screening for people at increased risk of infection
- Hepatitis C virus (HCV) screening

Women’s preventive care:

- Breast cancer screenings, including exam, mammogram, and genetic testing for BRCA1 and BRCA2 when certain criteria are met
- Breastfeeding: primary care intervention to promote breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling
- Contraceptive (birth control) counseling
- Counseling related to chemoprevention for those at high risk for breast cancer
- Counseling related to genetic testing for those with a family history of ovarian or breast cancer

Immunizations:

- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
- Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough)
- Hepatitis A and hepatitis B
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Influenza (flu)

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved contraceptive medical services, including sterilization, provided by a doctor
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) screening
- Interpersonal and domestic violence: screening and counseling
- Pelvic exam and Pap test, including screening for cervical cancer
- Pregnancy screenings, including gestational diabetes, hepatitis B, asymptomatic bacteriuria, Rh incompatibility, syphilis, HIV, and depression
- Well-woman visits

- Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)
- Meningococcal (meningitis)
- Pneumococcal (pneumonia)
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- Zoster (shingles)

The preventive care services listed above are recommendations of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and are subject to change. They may not be right for every person. Ask your doctor what’s right for you.

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Child preventive care

Preventive physical exams, screenings, and tests:

- Behavioral counseling to promote a healthy diet
- Blood pressure screening
- Cervical dysplasia screening
- Cholesterol and lipid (fat) levels screening
- Depression screening
- Development and behavior screening
- Diabetes screening (type 2)
- Hearing screening
- Height, weight, and BMI measurements
- Hemoglobin or hematocrit (blood count) screening
- Lead testing
- Newborn screening
- Obesity: related screening and counseling
- Oral (dental health) assessment, when done as part of a preventive care visit
- Sexually transmitted infections: related screening and counseling
- Skin cancer counseling for those ages 6 months to 24 years with fair skin
- Tobacco use: related screening and behavioral counseling

Immunizations:

- Chickenpox
- Flu
- Haemophilus influenza type B (HIB)
- Hepatitis A and hepatitis B
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Meningitis
- Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)
- Pneumonia
- Polio
- Rotavirus
- Whooping cough

If you’d like more help understanding your preventive care benefits, call the number on the back of your member ID card.