



Clinical Reminders

A. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Reminder

For your Gateway Medicare Assured[®] members living with COPD, Gateway supports the national standard of care by covering in office spirometry testing. You can bill for this testing by using any one of the following billing codes: 94014, 94015 or 94016.

B. In-Office A1C Testing

Utilizing this in-office testing will allow for you to obtain instant results for your patients. It's a simple 3-step procedure and no bulky equipment is required. This test is CLIA waived and has a 99% proven lab accuracy rate. Gateway reimburses all Primary Care Physicians on a fee for service basis based on your practice's contracted rates for the following codes: for Gateway Health Plan[®] Medicaid use procedure code 83036. For Gateway Health Plan[®] Medicare Assured[®] HMO use procedure code 83037.

If your office is using the in-office A1C testing, please notate the results in the medical record and not on the claim form as claim forms are not always kept in the medical record and both the test and results must be in the record for HEDIS.

C. LDL Testing

Gateway highly encourages the use of direct LDL-C testing. No fasting is necessary. An LDL < 100 is our goal. If the need to fast prior to lab draws is a barrier for your patients in getting their lipid levels checked, consider a direct LDL-C.

D. Osteoporosis Reminder

Gateway Health Plan[®] recommends that all women over the age of 65 have a bone mineral density test every year. New for 2011: You do not need to request a medical necessity review/authorization for your patient to have this procedure done. Just provide the member with a script and they can go to any Gateway participating provider to have the test!

E. Rheumatoid Arthritis Reminder

Gateway Health Plan[®] is aware that the standard of care for treating Rheumatoid Arthritis has changed. If you are currently managing a Gateway member who would benefit from seeing a rheumatologist and you are having difficulty locating one, please contact Gateway Health Plan[®] for assistance. Do not hesitate to contact our Pharmacy Department with any medication questions.

F. Colorectal Screenings

Gateway Health Plan[®] is aware that it may be a challenge to get members to comply with colorectal cancer screening. Current guidelines recommend use of a high-sensitivity immunochemical FOBT kit every year, a flexible sigmoidoscopy every 5 years or a colonoscopy every ten years for patients 50 to 75 years of age. For 2011, Gateway will be mailing iFOBT kits directly to members who are due for CRC screening. Results will be mailed directly to members and their assigned PCPs. If you would like assistance in ordering iFOBT kits for your practice, please contact your PR Rep. If you would like Gateway to follow up with a member in need of CRC screening, please use the Member Outreach FAX form to notify Gateway of this need and staff will attempt to contact and assist the member.