



## Cervical Cancer Awareness

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Cervical cancer, while one of the most preventable forms of cancer according to the American Cancer Society, still claims thousands of women's lives every year.

In Measurement Year (MY) 2021, our Healthcare Effectiveness Data Information Set (HEDIS®) rate for the cervical cancer screening measure was 71.95% for our Medicaid members. This rating placed us in the 95th percentile of the Medicaid Quality Compass® (QC), demonstrating a strong standing among Medicaid plans nationally. However, there is a significant opportunity for further improvement.

### How can you help?

The American Cancer Society offers the following guidelines to aid in cervical cancer awareness and early detection:

1. Members should undergo a Papanicolaou (Pap) test every three years, while those age 30 to 64 can opt for a pap test every three years or an HPV test every five years.
2. Members older than 65 may no longer require screening if they have had consistent normal screening results over several years, or if their cervix was removed during a total hysterectomy for non-cancerous conditions, such as fibroids.
3. Individuals who have had a total hysterectomy should cease screening unless the surgery was performed to treat cervical cancer or serious pre-cancer.

For more information about preventing cervical cancer, visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) or the [American Cancer Society](#).

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