

## Status of Lung Cancer Screening Coverage

The American College of Radiology® (ACR®) collaborated with the GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer and the Society of Thoracic Surgeons to [send a letter](#) to the top five national private insurers (Aetna, Anthem, Cigna, Health Care Services Corporation, and UnitedHealthcare) requesting that the payers update their lung cancer screening (LCS) coverage policies in accordance with the updated United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) [guidelines](#) as soon as possible.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 requires insurers to cover preventive services with an “A” or “B” rating by the USPSTF at no cost to patients. However, payers are given up to one year from the start of the next plan year to update their coverage policies when USPSTF guidelines are changed.

*\* Disclaimer: All payer contracts are NOT the same. All legislation/regulations on this subject may not be included. This document is for informational purposes only. Please contact your health plan directly for specific coverage details.*

### March 2021 USPSTF Recommendation Summary

| <u>Population</u>  | <u>Recommendation</u>   | <u>Grade</u> |
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| Adults aged 50 to 80 years who have a 20 pack-year smoking history and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years | The USPSTF recommends annual screening for lung cancer with low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) in adults aged 50 to 80 years who have a 20 pack-year smoking history and currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years. Screening should be discontinued once a person has not smoked for 15 years or develops a health problem that substantially limits life expectancy or the ability or willingness to have curative lung surgery. | <b>B</b>     |

See insurance coverage for lung cancer screening with LDCT.

### Commercial and Medicaid Plans

| <u>Payer</u>                          | <u>States</u>  | <u>Effective/<br/>Updated Date</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Aetna</a>                 | AK,AL,AR,AZ,CA,CO,CT,DC,DE,FL,GA,HI,IA,ID,IL,IN,KS,KY,LA,MA,MD,ME,MI,MN,MO,MP,MS,MT,NC,ND,NE,NH,NJ,NM,NV,NY,OH,OK,OR,PA,RI,SC,SD,TN,TX,UT,VA,VI,VT,WA,WI,WV,WY   | 04/05/2022                         |
| <a href="#">AIM Specialty Health</a>  | Commercial in AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, FN, GA, GU, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MP, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY | 03/3/2022                          |
| <a href="#">Amerigroup/Wellmed</a>    | FL, TX   | 02/10/2022                         |
| <a href="#">AmeriHealth Caritas</a>   | DE, FL, NH   | 09/27/2022                         |
| <a href="#">Blue Care Network</a>     | Commercial in MI; Medicare Advantage in MI   | 06/24/2021                         |
| <a href="#">BlueAdvantage</a>         | Administrators of Arkansas   | 10/03/2022                         |
| <a href="#">BCBS Arkansas</a>         | AR   | 08/03/2022                         |
| <a href="#">BCBS Health Advantage</a> | MI   | 01/01/2023                         |
| <a href="#">BCBS Kansas</a>           | Commercial in KS   | 09/01/2021                         |
| <a href="#">BCBS Michigan</a>         | Commercial in MI; Medicare Advantage in MI   | 10/22/2022                         |

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| <a href="#">BCBS Massachusetts</a>                  | Commercial in MA; Medicare in AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MP, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY; Public Employers in MA  | 05/01/2021 |
| <a href="#">BCBS Mississippi</a>                    | MS  | 04/02/2022 |
| <a href="#">Blue Care Network</a>                   | Commercial in MI; Medicare Advantage in MI  | 07/01/2021 |
| <a href="#">CareFirst BCBS</a>                      | Commercial in DC, MD, VA  | 10/22/2021 |
| <a href="#">Cigna</a>                               | CareAllies; Cigna; Commercial in AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, FN, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY; eviCore Healthcare   | 10/01/2021 |
| <a href="#">Colorado Medicaid</a>                   | CO  | 05/11/2022 |
| <a href="#">eviCore Healthcare</a>                  | CareAllies; Cigna; Commercial in AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, FN, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY; eviCore Healthcare   | 10/01/2021 |
| <a href="#">Excellus</a>                            | Commercial in MI; Medicare Advantage in MI  | 01/20/2022 |
| <a href="#">EmblemHealth</a>                        | NY  | 07/07/2022 |
| <a href="#">Harvard Pilgrim</a>                     | CT, MA, ME, NH  | 01/01/2021 |
| <a href="#">Hawaii Medical Services Association</a> | HI  | 04/01/2021 |
| <a href="#">Healthfirst of New York</a>             | See eviCore   | 10/01/2021 |
| <a href="#">Humana</a>                              | Medicare Advantage in AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY; Medicare-Medicaid Dual-Eligibles in AL, CA, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, LA, ME, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, NY, OH, PA, PR, SC, TN, TX, WA; Managed Medicaid FL | 09/22/2022 |
| <a href="#">Kaiser Permanente</a>                   | WA  | 02/2022    |
| <a href="#">Medica</a>                              | Commercial in IA, MN, ND, NE, SD, WI; Managed Medicaid in MN, ND, SD, WI; Medicare Advantage in MN, ND, SD, WI  | 04/19/2021 |
| <a href="#">National Imaging Associates</a>         | Commercial in AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, FN, GA, GU, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MP, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, PR,   | 04/01/2022 |

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|   | RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY   |            |
| <a href="#">Magellan Healthcare</a>             | Commercial in MA, NH, NY, RI   | 01/01/2022 |
| <a href="#">Molina Healthcare</a>               | AZ, CA, FL, ID, IL, KY, MA, MI, MS, NM, NY, OH, SC, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI   | 06/29/2021 |
| <a href="#">National Imaging Associates</a>     | Commercial:<br>AK,AL,AR,AZ,CA,CO,CT,DC,DE,FL,GA,HI,IA,I<br>D,IL,IN,KS,KY,LA,MA,MD,ME,MI,MN,MO,MP,MS,MT,NC,ND,N<br>E<br>,NH,NJ,NM,NV,NY,OH,OK,OR,PA,PR,RI,SC,SD,TN,TX,UT,VA,VI,<br>V T,WA,WI,WV,WY]               | 03/1/2021  |
| <a href="#">Oxford Health Plan</a>              | Commercial in MI, OH; Medicare Advantage in MI, OH   | 03/09/2021 |
| <a href="#">Paramount</a>                       | Medicaid/CHIP in TX; eviCore Healthcare  | 09/01/2021 |
| <a href="#">Preferred One</a>                   | MN   | 02/02/2022 |
| <a href="#">Texas Medicaid</a>                  | Medicare Advantage in AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV | 09/01/2021 |
| <a href="#">UHC Community Plan</a>              | Managed Medicaid in AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, HI, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MO, MS, NC, NE, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, TN, TX, VA, WA, WI   | 04/28/2022 |
| <a href="#">United Healthcare</a>               | Univera Healthcare Commercial in NY: Affiliates Excellus   | 03/09/2022 |
| <a href="#">United Healthcare</a>               | Preventative Care Services   | 07/01/2022 |
| <a href="#">Univera Healthcare</a>              | Commercial in IA, SD   | 01/20/2022 |
| <a href="#">University of Utah Health Plans</a> | UT   | 02/23/2022 |
| <a href="#">UPMC Health Plan</a>                | PA   | 12/13/2021 |
| <a href="#">Wellmark</a>                        | Medicaid FFS in WI   | 07/03/2021 |
| <a href="#">Wisconsin Medicaid</a>              | Commercial in MI, OH; Medicare Advantage in MI, OH   | 03/09/2021 |

## **Resources**

### **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)**

- [Lung Cancer Screening with Low Dose Computed Tomography \(LDCT\) \(210.14\) - National Coverage Determination \(NCD\) \(10/03/2022\)](#)
- [Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography \(LDCT\) Coverage Decision Memo \(2/10/2022\)](#)
- [CMS Expands Coverage of Lung Cancer Screening with Low Dose Computed Tomography Press Release \(2/10/2022\)](#)
- [ACR Outlines Specifics of New Medicare Lung Cancer Screening Coverage \(2/18/2022\)](#)
- [Coverage is expanded for CT lung cancer screening \(2/25/22\)](#)

## Medicaid Plans

- [State Lung Cancer Screening Coverage Toolkit](#) (American Lung Association)
- [Eligibility Criteria, Prior Authorization, and Copayment Information for State Medicaid Fee-For-Service Programs Covering Lung Cancer Screening](#) (American Lung Association)
- [State Overviews](#)
- [State Medicaid Plans and Waivers](#)

## U.S. Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF)

- [Final Recommendation Statement - Lung Cancer: Screening](#) (3/9/2021)

## Additional Sources

- [Joint Press Release on Medicare Coverage Update](#) (2/11/2022)
- [GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer](#)
- [Society of Thoracic Surgeons](#)

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### Lung Cancer Screening Coverage

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