

PREVENTIVE CARE SAVES LIVES

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care recommendations.



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RECOMMENDED PREVENTIVE CARE GUIDELINES*

INFANTS and TODDLERS BIRTH TO 24 MONTHS

	AGE	GUIDELINE
Well-child exam: Including parental education; growth and development; nutrition; physical activity; vaccines; safety (safe sleep, injury, poison, burn prevention, car seats, secondhand smoke, parental coping); social determinants of health; health risks; and other important issues	0 to 24 months	11 visits
Autism screening	18 to 24 months	Once
Dental screening and fluoride	Beginning at 6 months	choose a dentist
Lead screening blood test	12 to 18 months	Once (if at an increased risk or Medicaid — ask your doctor)
Newborn hearing and metabolic screening	Birth (after 24 hours)	Once (before 1 month old)
IMMUNIZATIONS		
Chickenpox (varicella)	12 to 15 months	First dose
DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis)	2, 4 and 6 months 15 to 18 months	First, second and third dose Fourth dose
Flu	6 months and up	Two doses one month apart, then every year
Hepatitis B	Birth 1 to 2 months 6 to 18 months	First dose Second dose Third dose
HiB (type B flu)	2 to 15 months	Three to four doses depending on vaccine
MMR (measles, mumps and rubella)	12 to 15 months	First dose
Pneumonia	2 months 4 months 6 months 12 to 15 months	First dose Second dose Third dose Fourth dose
Polio	2 months 4 months 6 to 18 months	First dose Second dose Third dose
Rotavirus (stomach virus)	2 to 6 months	Two or three dose series

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network members may receive some exams and services at no cost.



Regular checkups, the right screenings and a healthy lifestyle can help you prevent or detect life-threatening chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and cancer.



Blue Cross and BCN cover some preventive services with little or no cost sharing when you get these services in your network.

Before you receive preventive services, make sure you know what's covered by your specific health care plan.

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CHILDREN and ADOLESCENTS AGES 2 TO 21

	AGE	GUIDELINE
Well-child exam: Discuss growth and development; mental health; dental health; age-appropriate safety issues (injury, motor vehicle safety — car seats, seat belt use, parental coping, secondhand smoke, skin cancer prevention, bicycle safety and helmet use); nutrition (height, weight, body mass index); physical activity; age-appropriate health risks and social determinants of health; substance use disorder; pregnancy prevention	2 to 21 years	Every year
Chlamydia and sexually transmitted infections	11 and older	Every year if sexually active
Cholesterol screening	2 to 8 years and 12 to 16 years	If at an increased risk — ask your doctor
HIV screening	15 and older	
Vision screening	2 to 6 years old 7 to 12 13 to 21	Before starting school Every 2 years Every 3 years
IMMUNIZATIONS		
Chickenpox (varicella)	4 to 6 years old	Second dose
DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis)	4 to 6 years old	Fifth dose
Flu	2 and older	Every year
HPV, boys and girls	9 to 14 15 to 21	Two doses Three doses
MMR (measles, mumps and rubella)	4 to 6	Second dose
Meningitis vaccine	11 to 12 16	First dose Booster
Polio	4 to 6	Fourth dose
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)	11 to 12	One dose

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ADULTS AGES 18 TO 49

	AGE	GUIDELINE
Wellness exam: Physical and mental health assessment; nutrition (record height, weight, body mass index); physical activity; health risks (including social determinants of health); intimate partner violence; tobacco use; substance use disorder; safety; skin cancer prevention; and other issues	18 to 21 years 21 to 49	Every year Every 1 to 5 years
Blood pressure screening	18 and older	Every year (or more often if at a high risk — ask your doctor)
Breast cancer screening		Discuss with your doctor if before age 50
Depression screening	Everyone 18 to 49, including pregnant and postpartum women	
Diabetes (blood sugar)	40 to 49	If overweight
HIV screening	18 to 49	
Pap smear (cervical cancer screening) HPV test	Women, 21 to 49 Women, 30 to 49	Every 3 years or Every 5 years with HPV test
Sexually transmitted infections	Sexually active women 24 and younger: screen for chlamydia and gonorrhea Anyone at risk for syphilis, hepatitis B and C	Ask your doctor
IMMUNIZATIONS		
Flu		Every year
HPV (human papillomavirus)	26 and younger	Complete one series
Pneumonia, meningitis, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, Hib	Ask your doctor	
Tetanus		Once every 10 years
Varicella (chickenpox)		Two doses if no previous immunization or history of infection — ask your doctor

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ADULTS and SENIORS AGES 50 AND OLDER

	AGE	GUIDELINE
Wellness Exam: Physical and mental health assessment; nutrition (record height, weight, body mass index); health risks; (personalized based on individual risk and including social determinants of health); tobacco use; substance use disorder; and other issues	50 and older	Every year
Blood pressure check	50 years and older	Every year; more often if reading is higher than 140/90
Colorectal cancer screening	50 to 75, choose one: Blood in stool test Stool DNA mail-in kit Sigmoidoscopy Colon CT scan Colonoscopy	Every year Every 3 years Every 5 years Every 5 years Every 10 years
Diabetes screening (blood sugar)	50 to 70	If overweight
Hepatitis C screening	Adults born between 1945 and 1965	One-time screening
HIV screening	50 to 65 years	One-time screening; annually screen if at an increased risk (no age limit — ask your doctor)
Lung cancer screening	Based on individual risk	Ask your doctor
Mammogram (breast exam/cancer screening)	Women, 50 to 74	Every two years
Osteoporosis screening (brittle bones)	Women 50 to 64 Women 65 and older	Ask your doctor At least one bone scan
Pap smear (cervical cancer screening) — not recommended for women without a cervix (total hysterectomy) HPV test	Women 50 to 65	Every 3 years or Every 5 years with HPV test
Prostate cancer	Men, based on individual risk	Ask your doctor
Sexually transmitted infections	Anyone at risk for syphilis, hepatitis B and C	
IMMUNIZATIONS		
Chickenpox (varicella)	50 and older	Two doses if no previous immunization or history of infection — ask your doctor
Flu	All ages	Every year
Meningitis, hepatitis A, hepatitis B		Ask your doctor
Pneumonia	Before age 65 65 years and older	If risk factors present (ask your doctor) Two doses at least one year apart
Shingles (zoster)	50 or older 60 or older	Two-dose series One dose
Tetanus	All ages	Once every 10 years

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Keep this brochure to help you identify the preventive services you need. The charts, based on age and gender, provide a road map for achieving a healthier life.

This isn't a comprehensive list of services your specific plan covers. Log in to your online member account at bcbsm.com for more information about your benefits. If you don't have a member account, go to bcbsm.com/register.

Schedule your preventive screenings today.

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TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.**

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