

## Lung Cancer Screening: Quick tips for ordering physicians

### Medicare Patients

Lung cancer screenings with low dose computed tomography are covered free of charge (*once each year*) if the the following conditions are met:

- Age **50-77**
- No current signs or symptoms of lung cancer
- **current or former smoker** who have quit within the last 15 years
- tobacco smoking history of at least **20 “pack years”** (an average of one pack (20 cigarettes) per day for 20 years)

Before the first lung cancer screening occurs, Medicare requires that the beneficiary receive an order for a LDCT during a lung cancer screening counseling and shared-decision making visit. Subsequent (annual) screenings only require an order from a physician or qualified non-physician practitioner.

### CPT and Diagnosis Codes:

#### CPT Billing Codes

Shared decision-making (lung screening counseling) visit	<b>G0296</b>
Lung cancer screening (low dose CT)	<b>71271</b>

#### ICD10Codes to use

Former smoker	<b>Z87.891</b>
Current smoker	<b>Z12.210</b>

**No Pre-Authorization is required for Medicare patients**

### How to order a lung cancer screening:

Lung Screening Scheduling Fax: 573-815-2874

Electronic order- Meditech mnemonic: LUNGSCREEN

### For Patients with Medicare Advantage, Medicaid and Private Insurance

Many, but not all, private health insurance plans cover lung cancer screening without cost-sharing, but eligibility criteria varies based on type of plan

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