



# Facility Frequently Asked Questions

## ✓ What is the initiative?

North Dakota Department of Health program designed to:

- Reduce colorectal cancer (CRC) morbidity and mortality through early detection
- Provide CRC screening to age and income eligible persons in
- North Dakota (including limited diagnostic follow-up testing, where appropriate)

## 👤 Who is eligible?

- Persons ages 45-64 Resident of North Dakota Uninsured or underinsured At an average/increased risk for CRC
- Low-income (requires annual income to fall within 139 to 200% of federal poverty guide-lines:  
<https://www.health.nd.gov/crc>)
- Due or past due for CRC screening

## 💰 Why should I participate?

- The costs associated with CRC screenings can be too high for some patients to afford, especially for those without health insurance. Reducing out-of-pocket costs for CRC
- NDCRCSI reduces/removes the financial burden for eligible patients to receive recommended CRC screenings for early detection.

## 🔍 Where can I learn more?

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  - North Dakota Colorectal Cancer Screening Initiative Health Care
  - What's Covered



## What services are reimbursed?

- Take-home stool test for individuals of average risk for colorectal CRC (diagnostic colonoscopy for those who have had a positive stool test)
- Office visit where the take-home stool test was ordered
- Colonoscopy procedure for patients considered at increased or high risk for CRC Office visit where the colonoscopy procedure was ordered Pre-op office visit, if determined by the physician performing the colonoscopy procedure that this office visit is needed prior to the colonoscopy
- Limited lab work with a pre-op office visit
- Bowel prep Analysis of any biopsies taken during the colonoscopy procedure
- Follow-up colonoscopy procedure of enrolled individuals in the NDCRCSI



## How do I become an Initiative Provider?

- Complete an application and a Provider Cooperative Agreement
  - The PCA is an agreement that indicates your facility will accept Medicare Part B reimbursement rates for services provided for NDCRCSI enrolled patients, and that you will provide the results of patient screening tests to the NDCRCSI program.
- Assure your providers and staff are oriented to the program
- Submit claims to BCBS using the patient's 12-digit ID # provided by the NDCRCSI program.



## How to add NDCRCSI coverage to the EHR

- Enter NDCRCSI coverage as a secondary insurance
- BCBS ND is the carrier
- The patient is the subscriber
- Group number is 10279927 (this is the same for all the patients in this program)
- Program name in BCBS is: "ND Colorectal Cancer Screening Initiative IND E1D ECH ESP FAM"

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