

BREAST CANCER SCREENING (MAMMOGRAMS)



Hello,

My name is Al Castellanos and I am a licensed insurance agent. Do you know what disease prevention is and why it's important? Well I am here to give you that information. Medicare pays for many preventive services to keep you healthy. These preventive services can find health problems early, when treatment works best, and can keep you from getting certain diseases.

Breast Cancer Screening (mammograms) is one of the preventive services that is covered by Medicare.

What is breast cancer?

Breast cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in women and the second leading cause of cancer death in women in the U.S. Every woman is at risk, and this risk increases with age. Breast cancer usually can be treated successfully when found early. Medicare covers screening mammograms to check for breast cancer before you or a doctor may be able to find it manually.

Risk Factors?

Your risk of developing breast cancer increases if any of these are true:

- You had breast cancer in the past
- You have a family history of breast cancer (like a mother, sister, daughter, or 2 or more close relatives who've had breast cancer).
- You had your first baby after 30.
- You've never had a baby.

Who's covered?

Women 40 and older are eligible for a screening mammogram every 12 months. Medicare also covers one baseline mammogram for women between 35-39.

How often is it covered?

Once every 12 months.

Your cost if you have Original Medicare

You pay nothing for the test if the doctor accepts assignment.

If you have any questions regarding this exam or any of the other Preventive Service exams covered by Medicare, please contact me at (281) 642-4082 or at alcastellanos@prinsuco.com.