

## 2026 Measurement Year

# MCAS/STAR MEASURE: COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING (COL-E)

Measure Steward: National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)

Gold Coast Health Plan Total Care Advantage's (HMO D-SNP) goal is to help its providers gain compliance with their annual Managed Care Accountability Set (MCAS) / Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) Star measure scores by providing guidance and resources. This tip sheet provides the key components to the MCAS measure, "Colorectal Cancer Screening (COL-E)."

**Measure Description:** This measures the percentage of members 45 to 75 years of age who had an appropriate screening for colorectal cancer.

### Data Collection Method: ECDS<sup>1</sup>

One or more of the following meet the measure's criteria for colorectal cancer screening:

- ▶ Fecal occult blood test (FOBT) lab test during the measurement year.
- ▶ Flexible sigmoidoscopy during the measurement year or the four years prior to the measurement year.
- ▶ Colonoscopy during the measurement year or the nine years prior to the measurement year.
- ▶ CT colonography during the measurement year or the four years prior to the measurement year
- ▶ FIT-DNA test during the measurement year or the two years prior to the measurement year.

### COL Clinical Code Sets

- ▶ For billing, reimbursement and reporting of services completed, submit claims in a timely manner with appropriate medical codes for all clinical conditions evaluated and services completed.

### Codes used to identify colorectal cancer screening.

Description	CPT	HCPCS	LOINC
Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT)	82270, 82274	G0328	12503-9, 12504-7, 14563-1, 14564-9, 14565-6, 2335-8, 27396-1, 27401-9, 27925-7, 27926-5, 29771-3, 56490-6, 56491-4, 57905-2, 58453-2, 80372-6, 104738-0, 107189-3, 107190-1, 107191-9
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	45330, 45331, 45332, 45333, 45334, 45335, 45337, 45338, 45340, 45341, 45342, 45346, 45347, 45349, 45350	G0104	
Colonoscopy	44388, 44389, 44390, 44391, 44392, 44394, 44401, 44402, 44403, 44404, 44405, 44406, 44407, 44408, 45378, 45379, 45380, 45381, 45382, 45384, 45385, 45386, 45388, 45389, 45390, 45391, 45392, 45393, 45398	G0105, G0121	
CT Colonography	74261, 74262, 74263		60515-4, 72531-7, 79069-1, 79071-7, 79101-2, 82688-3
FIT-DNA Test	81528, 0464U		77353-1, 77354-9

### Exclusion Criteria:

- ▶ Members in hospice or using hospice services anytime during the measurement year.
- ▶ Members receiving palliative care during the measurement year.
- ▶ Medicare enrollees 66 years of age or older as of Dec. 31, 2026, who were enrolled in an Institutional SNP or living in long-term care anytime during the measurement year.
- ▶ Members 66 years of age or older as of Dec. 31, 2026, with a diagnoses of frailty and advanced illness during the measurement year.

- ▶ Members with colorectal cancer or total colectomy anytime during the member's history through Dec. 31, 2026.
- ▶ Medicare enrollees, 66 years of age and older, by the last day of the measurement year, in an institutional SNP or living long-term in an institution.
- ▶ Members who die anytime during the measurement year.

**Documentation in the medical record must include a note indicating the date when the colorectal cancer screening was performed.**

- ▶ A result is not required if the documentation is clearly part of the member's "medical history." If this is not clear, the result or finding must also be present.
- ▶ A pathology report that indicates the type of screening (e.g., colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy) and the date when the screening was performed meets criteria.

**Best Practices:**

- ▶ Use the Inovalon<sup>®</sup> Provider Enablement Quality Gaps in care.
- ▶ Make outreach calls and/or send letters to advise members of the need for a screening.
- ▶ For the United States Preventive Task Force (USPTF) recommendations regarding Colorectal Cancer Screening, [click here](#).
- ▶ Gold Coast Health Plan's (GCHP) team of nurses, social workers, and care management coordinators work together to empower members to exercise their options and access the services appropriate to meet their individual health needs to promote quality outcomes. GCHP Care Management includes complex and non-complex care management that offers transition to adult services, disease specific education, identification of social determinants of health, and linkage to appropriate resources in the community.
  - To learn more, please call GCHP's Care Management Team at:
    - » Providers, call: 1-805-437-5777
    - » Members, call: 1-805-437-5656
    - » GCHP website, Care Management: [Click Here](#)
- ▶ GCHP offers free health education services, material, classes, and online resources to help members achieve a healthy lifestyle. Providers can contact the Health Education Department or refer patients / guardians / caregivers to the following:
  - Providers, call: 1-805-437-5961
  - Members, call: 1-888-301-1228 / TTY 711
  - GCHP's Health Education webpage (in English and Spanish): [Click Here](#)
- ▶ Ensure your documentation is clear and concise.
- ▶ Use proper coding.

<sup>1</sup> ECDS is a HEDIS<sup>®</sup> reporting standard that uses structured data systems (e.g., administrative claims, clinical registries, health information exchanges, electronic health records, disease/cases management systems) to report rates on ECDS designated measures.