

FAQ – ScreenWise Eligibility Changes - Effective May 1, 2018

Will ScreenWise pay for visits for symptomatic patients under 50?

No, unless that visit is to perform a breast or cervical cancer diagnostic procedure.

How does an enrolling provider determine a patient's eligibility?

Screen for eligibility as usual—either over the phone or when they're in the office by asking their income, household size, insurance status, and state of residence. For appointments scheduled to occur on or after May 1st, 2018 we recommend adding a question about age or date of birth, because patient age is required for eligibility determination.

Will screening Paps be covered if they are abnormal?

Screening Paps will not be covered for patients 49 and younger, regardless of the result. If a patient who is aged 21-49 needs diagnostic services based on having an abnormal pap, that patient can be enrolled into ScreenWise.

Are we still able to submit referrals for breast cancer related genetics services?

Yes, if a patient comes in for screening or diagnostic services and you believe they would benefit from being referred to a genetic counselor, please refer them.

What cervical services are considered diagnostic?

ScreenWise will continue to cover the cost of cervical diagnostic codes, such as colposcopies, cervical biopsies, endocervical curettage, conization of the cervix, and diagnostic LEEPs for patients, regardless of age. You can see our full list of covered procedures [here, starting on page 4](#).

There is language in the consent portion of the Intake Packet that says patients may have eligible services covered for 3 months before their enrollment. Will this still be honored after May 1st?

Yes, this will continue after May 1.

If a patient under 50 comes in for a Pap because they had an abnormal a year ago, is that re-pap covered?

No, not after May 1, 2018.

How will ancillary providers know if a patient was enrolled before or after May 1st and ensure they will be reimbursed for services provided?

Ancillary providers can choose to ask questions to clarify patient age and date of enrollment. However, it is the enrolling provider's responsibility to refer ScreenWise patients for age-appropriate program services.

What should I do if a patient doesn't qualify for ScreenWise screening services due to their age, but my clinic doesn't offer breast or cervical cancer screening services covered through the Oregon Reproductive Health (RH) Program?

We ask that you do what you can to provide the services patients need at a price they can pay. If this is not feasible, please refer them to a clinic that can offer the services they need using a funding program they may qualify for.

What is the coverage of colposcopies? Are these now only covered for clients 50 and older?

All diagnostic services in our provider Reimbursement Schedule, including colposcopies, will continue to be covered for all ScreenWise eligible patients over the age of 21.

Will heart health labs like lipids, glucose and A1c be covered for patients coming in for a diagnostic that are under age 50?

During the March 27th webinar, we indicated that this would not be covered. However, the program needs to evaluate this a bit more and will add a final decision to our website in mid to late April.

Is there a limit of new patients who can enroll after May 1st?

No, not at this time.

Are there any changes to the poverty guidelines?

No.

If I am at a clinic that works with the Reproductive Health (RH) program and the ScreenWise program, do I need to enroll a patient into the RH program if they qualify for their Pap, and then enroll them into ScreenWise if they need abnormal follow up?

Yes.

If someone between the ages of 21-49 enrolls in ScreenWise due to them needing a diagnostic, do they have full access to the program, including screening services?

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What happens to patients who are already enrolled before May 1st, and under 50? Are they eligible until the year ends on their enrollment?

Yes, we will honor the enrollment periods of people who have enrolled before our May 1 eligibility changes. Please remember that you can no longer pre-enroll patients in the ScreenWise program—they need to be enrolled at the time they receive their first service.

Is there a list of clinics that provide Reproductive Health program services?

Yes, you may find that list by [clicking here](#).

Will you be creating a new list of CPT and ICD10 codes to clarify which are acceptable screening vs diagnostic codes?

Yes, we will send this out by May 1, 2018

Will you be updating the forms to reflect these changes?

Forms will not be changed at this time.