



The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) exercised its authority under sections 1861(s)(2)(BB) and 1861(ddd)(1) of the Social Security Act to add to the benefits furnished by Original Medicare coverage of "additional preventive services," provided certain requirements are met. Consequently, effective January 1, 2010, America's 1st Choice will provide coverage for members for both standard and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved (HIV) rapid screening tests for:

1. Annual voluntary HIV screening of Medicare beneficiaries at increased risk for HIV infection per USPSTF guidelines including:

- Men who have had sex with men after 1975;
- Men and women having unprotected sex with multiple partners;
- Past or present injection drug users;
- Men and women who exchange sex for money or drugs, or have sex partners who do;
- Individuals whose past or present sex partners were HIV-infected, bisexual or injection drug users;
- Persons being treated for sexually transmitted diseases;
- Persons with a history of blood transfusion between 1978 and 1985;
- Persons who request an HIV test despite reporting no individual risk factors, since this group is likely to include individuals not willing to disclose high-risk behaviors.

2. Voluntary HIV screening of pregnant members when the diagnosis of pregnancy is known, during the third trimester, and at labor.

America's 1st Choice will apply the plan Lab co-pays, for Medicare covered HIV screenings, provided the cost-sharing amount does not exceed the cost of the HIV screening service. Please contact the plan for more detailed information.