

## Change to National Coverage Determination may affect your Medicare coverage

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) sometimes change the coverage rules that apply to an item or service under Medicare. When this happens, CMS issues a National Coverage Determination, or NCD.

NCDs tell us:

- What benefits and services are covered
- What benefits and services are changing
- What Medicare will pay for an item or service

CMS recently issued an update to the NCD that applies to the following service:

### Colorectal Cancer Screening Tests

Here is a description of the change to the NCD. This affects services given **on or after January 1, 2023**

Services affected	Additional information
<p>The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued an NCD to update Colorectal Cancer Screening Tests.</p>	<p>Effective for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2023, contractors shall be aware that NCD 210.3 Colorectal Cancer Screening Tests has been revised to reduce the minimum age limitation from 50 to 45 years and older for Fecal Occult Blood Tests (FOBT), Multi-target Stool DNA (sDNA) Tests and Blood-based Biomarker Tests. There is also no frequency limitations when the screening coloscopy follows a positive result from a stool-based test.</p>

**We're here to help you**

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