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RE: Low-Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT) Lung Cancer Screening

Dear Provider,

According to the American Lung Association, less than 2% of all patients considered at high risk for lung cancer are screened. Lung cancer screening can decrease the threat of terminal lung cancer by 20%. Recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) indicate that providers can greatly reduce the mortality from lung cancer by offering LDCT lung cancer screening to all patients.

To increase awareness and access to LDCT Lung Cancer Screening, SoonerCare wants to inform you of updated guidelines from the USPSTF regarding this benefit currently offered to SoonerCare members. The USPSTF expanded the recommended ages and reduced pack-years for lung cancer screening.

SoonerCare members who meet the following criteria and have a prior authorization may be eligible to receive a LDCT Lung Cancer Screening:

- Patients ages 50-80
- Current smoker
- Former smokers who have been smoke-free for 15 years or less
- Must smoke or have smoked at least 20 cigarettes per day for at least 20 or more years
- No symptoms or history of lung cancer

A first-time SoonerCare member being referred for a LDCT Lung Cancer Screening must receive counseling and a shared decision-making visit that is appropriately documented in their medical record. The counseling visit must include the following criteria:

- Determination of beneficiary eligibility.
- Shared Decision making, including the use of one or more decision aids;
- Benefits of screening, risks of screening, review of any impact screening can have on the patient, possible outcomes, and detriments if further invasive procedures are necessary.



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- Importance of adherence to annual LDCT Lung Cancer Screening, impact of comorbidities, and ability or willingness to undergo diagnosis and treatment.
- Importance of maintaining cigarette smoking abstinence if a former smoker; or the importance of smoking cessation if a current smoker, and, if appropriate, furnishing of information about tobacco cessation interventions.

SoonerCare fully covers this scan and counseling visit with no cost to the patient. Click [here](#) for coding and reimbursement information.

If you have any questions about this benefit or how to best utilize this benefit for your patients, please contact SoonerQuit at SoonerQuit@okhca.org.

Thank you for the services you provide to our SoonerCare members.

Sincerely,

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