

Medicare National Coverage Determination

Topic: Medicare Coverage of Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and Counseling to prevent STIs . Newly Covered Preventive Service.

Decision: Medicare will cover screening for sexually transmitted infections such as **chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and hepatitis B**, as well as counseling for prevention or early detection of illness or disability.

What this means: Medicare will cover screening for certain sexually transmitted infections, and counseling to prevent infections when recommended by your primary care provider. Counseling includes **up to two individual 20 to 30 minute** in person sessions, **annually**, to prevent STIs.

Rocky Mountain Health Plans (RMHP) will cover these screenings and behavioral counseling at \$0 copay when provided and billed by an RMHP provider. Original Medicare will cover these services when provided by a Medicare provider who is not a contracted RMHP provider at \$0 cost-sharing.

Effective date: November 8, 2011