

# Cervical Cancer Screening

## Cytopathology (Pap) and Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

CPT Codes: 88141 / 88142 / 87624 / 87625

### Cervical Cancer Screening EWC Guidelines

Summary - information from Every Women Counts Provider Manual (ev woman)

Age	HPV Test Type	CPT Code(s)	Frequency	ICD 10 Required Codes
21-29	Pap alone	88142 / 88141	Every 3 years	see tables <b>1a</b> / <b>1b</b>
30-64	Pap+HPV (co-test)	88142 / 88141 87624 / 87625	Every 5 years	see tables <b>1a</b> / <b>1b</b>
30-64	HPV primary screening	87624 / 87625	Every 5 years (frequency rule not finalized)	Z11.51 / table <b>1c</b>
≥65	Screening ends at age 65 for recipients with adequate negative prior screening (three consecutive negative Pap tests or two negative co-tests/primary HPV tests within 10 years with the most recent occurring in the past five years).			

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- Appropriate cervical cancer screening and diagnostic ICD-10-CM codes are shown in tables 1a, 1b and 1c.
- Providers may **select up to two EWC approved ICD-10-CM codes** as shown in tables 1a, 1b, 1c.
- Claims submitted with diagnosis codes not represented on tables 1a, 1b, 1c will be denied.
- Codes billed for cervical-related services are reimbursable for recipients with a cervix who are 21 years of age or older.

**Table 1a**

Cervical Cancer Screening ICD-10-CM Codes
Z01.411, Z01.419, Z01.42, Z11.51, Z12.4, Z12.72, Z21, Z40.01, Z40.02, Z78.0, Z80.49, Z85.40 thru Z85.42, Z85.44, Z87.410 thru Z87.412, Z87.891, Z90.710 thru Z90.712, Z90.721, Z90.722, Z90.79, Z92.0, Z92.25

**Table 1b**

Cervical Cancer Screening and Diagnosis ICD-10-CM Codes
A63.0, B20, B97.35, B97.7, C51.8, C53.0, C53.1, C53.8, C53.9, C55, C57.7 thru C57.9, C76.3, C80.1, D06.0, D06.1, D06.7, D06.9, D07.0, D07.2, D07.30, D25.0, D26.0, D49.511 thru D49.59, N72, N84.0, N84.1, N84.8, N84.9, N85.9, N86, N87.0, N87.1, N87.9, N88.0 thru N88.2, N88.4, N88.8, N88.9, N89.0, N89.1, N89.3, N89.4, N89.8, N89.9, N93.0, N93.9, N94.10 thru N94.12, N94.19, N94.89, N95.0, R10.2, R87.610 thru R87.616, R87.619 thru R87.625, R87.628, R87.810, R87.811, R87.820, R87.821

**Table 1c**

Colposcopy and Cervical Biopsy ICD-10-CM Codes
C53.0, C53.1, C53.8, C53.9, D06.0, D06.1, D06.7, D06.9, D07.2, D26.0, N87.0, N87.1, N88.0, N89.0, N89.1, N89.3, N89.4, R87.610 thru R87.616, R87.619, thru R87.625, R87.628, R87.810, R87.811, R87.820, R87.821

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**Every Woman Counts (EWC)** is managed by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Benefits Division. Note that public and commercial payers are enforcing United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendations specific to age and frequency.

#### Cervical Cancer Screening and Diagnostic Policies/Standards

- Screening includes either:
  - Clinician-collected:
    - Pap test alone every three years beginning at age 21 or older or,
    - Pap test and HPV screening (co-test) every five years for age 30 and older or,
    - Primary HPV test every five years for age 30 and older
  - Patient-collected/self-collected HPV primary screening in women ages 30 and older
    - The Enduring Guidelines Committee recommends self-collection HPV testing at three-year intervals, while the draft United States Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF) guidelines propose five-year intervals. It is unknown what the final USPSTF guidelines will state. EWC providers can adopt either interval strategy. If a provider chooses the three-year strategy, ensure there is a way to identify tests that are self-collected in medical records.
    - Note: Clinician-collected cervical specimens are preferred, and self-collected vaginal specimens are acceptable for primary HPV screening of asymptomatic average-risk individuals. Repeat testing in three years is recommended following HPV-negative screens using self-collected vaginal specimens.
- Screening ends at age 65 for recipients with adequate negative prior screening (three consecutive negative Pap tests or two negative co-tests/primary HPV tests within 10 years with the most recent occurring in the past five years).
  - EWC does not have an upper age limit for recipients without adequate prior screening
- EWC will pay for an initial pelvic exam to determine the presence of a cervix.
- Recipients without a cervix should not be screened unless there is a history of highgrade pre-cancer or cervical cancer, or a hysterectomy was performed for unknown reasons and the medical records are unavailable.
- Annual screening can be done for those patients who are high risk (exposed to diethylstilbestrol (DES) in-utero, immunocompromised, or a history of cervical cancer).
- High-risk patients over the age of 65 may continue to be screened.
- EWC recommends using the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (ASCCP) guidelines for follow up of abnormal results.
- Coverage for HPV genotyping, billed with CPT code 87625 (infectious agent detection by nucleic acid [DNA or RNA] Human Papillomavirus [HPV], types 16 and 18 only, includes type 45, if performed) is available as follow-up to Primary HPV screening.

#### Resources:

USPSTF website: [Recommendation: Cervical Cancer: Screening | United States Preventive Services Taskforce](#)

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Benefits Division: [Every Woman Counts Program Homepage](#)

DHCS - Medi-Cal Providers Every Woman Counts website: [Every Woman Counts](#)

Every Women Counts Provider Manual (ev woman): [Every Woman Counts \(ev woman\)](#)

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**Approved Procedures** (excerpts from ev women Page 24 / updated April 2025)

The following CPT and HCPCS codes are benefits of EWC. All the codes are available for EWC primary care and referral providers with the exception of codes 99211 and T1017. Refer to the ICD-10-CM Code and Additional Information columns in the tables below.

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CPT Code	Description	ICD-10CM Code	Additional Information
87624	HPV - high risk types	Z11.51 and table 1c	Covered only for recipients 30 years of age and older.  Use of modifier 33 indicates the services was provided in accordance with USPSTF A or B recommendations.
87625	Human Papillomavirus (HPV), types 16 and 18 only, includes type 45, if performed	R87.615, R87.810 and Z11.51	R87.810, R87.615 and Z11.51 covered only for recipients age 30 and older  Use of modifier 33 indicates the services was provided in accordance with USPSTF A or B recommendations.
88141	Cytopathology, cervical or vaginal (any reporting system); requiring interpretation by physician see tables	1a and 1b	Use in conjunction with code 88142, 88164, 88174 or 88175
88142	Cytopathology, cervical or vaginal (any reporting system), collected in preservative fluid, automated thin layer preparation; manual screening under physician supervision	see tables 1a and 1b	N/A

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