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This policy documents the Rhode Island State Mandate for Prostate and Colorectal examinations.

**Note:** For plans that have coverage for preventive services, please refer to the related policy for Preventive Services for Commercial regarding cost share for these services. The Preventive Services policy for Commercial members supersedes the State Mandate.

This policy is applicable to Commercial products as State Mandates do not apply to BlueCHIP for Medicare.

#### **MEDICAL CRITERIA**

Not applicable

#### **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION**

Not applicable

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

##### **Commercial Products**

Colorectal examinations and laboratory tests for cancer are covered in accordance with Rhode Island General Law § 27-20-44 Prostate and colorectal examinations.

#### **COVERAGE**

Benefits may vary between groups/contracts. Please refer to the appropriate Benefit Booklet or Subscriber Agreement for the applicable preventive, diagnostic imaging, laboratory, and surgical benefits/coverage.

#### **BACKGROUND**

*According to Rhode Island General Law § 27-20-44 Prostate and colorectal examinations – Coverage mandated. – Subscribers to any nonprofit medical service plan shall be afforded coverage under the plan for prostate and colorectal examinations and laboratory tests for cancer for any nonsymptomatic person covered under the policy or contract, in accordance with the current American Cancer Society guidelines.”*

**Refer to the most current American Cancer Society Guideline for Colorectal Cancer Screening:**

[ACS Guideline for Colorectal Cancer Screening](#)

#### **CODING**

Not applicable

#### **RELATED POLICIES**

Preventive Services for Commercial Members

#### **PUBLISHED**

Provider Update, Oct 2018

Provider Update, April 2017

Provider Update, April 2016

Provider Update, May 2015

Provider Update, June 2014

Provider Update, April 2013

Provider Update, April 2012  
Provider Update, March 2011  
Provider Update, March 2010  
Provider Update, April 2009

## REFERENCES

1. Rhode Island General Law § 27-20-44 Prostate and colorectal examinations: <http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/title27/27-20/27-20-44.HTM>
2. American Cancer Society Guidelines for the Early Detection of Colon and Rectal Cancer:  
  
<http://www.cancer.org/cancer/colonandrectumcancer/moreinformation/colonandrectumcancerearlydetection/colorectal-cancer-early-detection-acs-recommendations>
3. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services/Overview/Colorectal Cancer Screening: <http://www.medicare.gov/coverage/colorectal-cancer-screenings.html>

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