



Breast Cancer Screening

Quick Reference Guide

2026

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MEASURE SNAPSHOT

CMS Part C Star Measure: C01 - Breast Cancer Screening

CMS Definition: Percent of female plan patients aged 50–74 who had a mammogram.¹

CMS Metric: Percentage of women MA patients **aged 52–74 as of December 31 of the measurement year** who had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer in the past two years.¹

FIELD	ENTRY
CMS measure name	Breast Cancer Screening, BCS
Domain	Staying Healthy: Screenings, Tests and Vaccines
CMS weighting category	Process Measure
Weight	1 — standard-weighted
Primary data source	HEDIS
HEDIS reporting method	ECDS (Electronic Clinical Data Systems) — BCS-E is ECDS-only for MY2024. Qualifying structured data may come from administrative claims, clinical registries, EHRs, and case-management systems
External mammography data	Outside mammography may contribute when the qualifying study is verified and incorporated into an allowable structured ECDS data source . Patient-reported history may guide record retrieval but does not by itself establish verified completion
Unit of measurement	CMS health plan-level measure — individual clinicians and practices do not receive a C01 Star Rating
Trend direction	Higher is better
Case-mix adjusted	No¹
Measurement period	January 1, 2024–December 31, 2024 ^{1,2}
Numerator look-back	October 1, 2022–December 31, 2024 (27 months)
Star measure credit	At least one qualifying mammogram completed within the applicable look-back window and captured through an allowable HEDIS data pathway. An order, referral, or scheduled appointment alone does not satisfy the numerator

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