

Preventive services

Staying on top of your preventive care can help you:

- Track vital numbers like your blood pressure and cholesterol level
- Get immunizations to help you avoid illness
- Catch potential health problems before they become serious

Under your health plan, you can get preventive care services at no additional cost.¹ While all Kaiser Permanente service areas cover basic preventive care, you'll find additional benefits in certain states and Washington, D.C. Read on to find out which services are available to you under a plan that begins on or after **January 1, 2021**.

How to know if this flyer covers your plan

This flyer **doesn't** list services covered under Medicare. Instead, it applies to nongrandfathered individual and group plans (except retiree-only plans) and grandfathered group plans and retiree-only group plans that choose to cover preventive services.¹

If you're enrolled in grandfathered coverage or retiree-only coverage, see your *Benefit Booklet, Evidence of Coverage, Certificate of Insurance, or Membership Agreement* to find out which preventive services are covered.² You can also talk to your employer's benefits administrator.

This flyer is a summary of the preventive benefit. Refer to your *Benefit Booklet, Evidence of Coverage, Certificate of Insurance, or Membership Agreement* for details about coverage.

What's new?

The following are benefit changes for **2021**, as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Most of our plans will now cover the following services:

- Anxiety screening for adolescent and adult women (will be covered for plan years or policy years beginning on or after January 1, 2021)
- Unhealthy drug use screening in adults 18 and older (will be covered for plan years or policy years beginning on or after January 1, 2021)

In addition, Kaiser Permanente made the decision to add the following lab tests and screenings for specific chronic conditions allowed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Notice 2019-45 to Kaiser Permanente's National Preventive Care package, effective all at once, on January 1, 2021.³ As a result, these changes will apply not only to HDHP plans, but to all nongrandfathered plans and to grandfathered plans that have adopted the ACA preventive care package. The following lab tests and screenings for specific chronic conditions will be

covered at no additional cost:

- Hemoglobin A1c testing for the chronic condition of diabetes (will be covered for plan years or policy years beginning on or after January 1, 2021)
- International Normalized Ratio (INR) testing for the chronic condition of liver disease and/or bleeding disorders (will be covered for plan years or policy years beginning on or after January 1, 2021)
- Low-density Lipoprotein (LDL) testing for the chronic condition of heart disease (will be covered for plan years or policy years beginning on or after January 1, 2021)
- Retinopathy screening for the chronic condition of diabetes (will be covered for plan years or policy years beginning on or after January 1, 2021)

Preventive services for adults

- **Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening** (one time for men 65 to 75 who have ever smoked)
- **Age-appropriate preventive medical examinations**
- **Annual lung cancer screening** with low-dose computed tomography, and counseling, in adults 55 to 80 who are at high risk based on their current or past smoking history

- **Blood pressure screening**
- **Colon cancer screening** (for adults 50 to 75)
 - Bowel preparation medications prescribed prior to a screening colonoscopy
 - Pathology exam on a polyp biopsy, performed in connection with colon cancer screening
 - Pre-consultation visit associated with colon cancer screening
- **Depression screening**
- **Diabetes screening (type 2)** for adults with abnormal blood glucose
- **Discussions with primary care physician about:**
 - Alcohol misuse screening and counseling
 - Diet, if at higher risk for chronic disease
 - Low-dose aspirin use, if at high risk of cardiovascular disease or colorectal cancer
 - Obesity and weight management, including intensive behavioral counseling for overweight adults at risk for cardiovascular disease
 - Sexually transmitted infections prevention
 - Tobacco use cessation and counseling
- **FDA-approved medications for tobacco cessation**, including over-the-counter medications, when prescribed by a Plan provider

- **FDA-approved preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) with effective antiretroviral therapy** to persons at high risk of HIV acquisition, when prescribed by a Plan provider
- **Hepatitis B screening** (for adults at higher risk)
- **Hepatitis C screening** (for adults 18 to 79 years)
- **Immunizations** (doses, recommended ages, and recommended populations vary):
 - Hepatitis A
 - Hepatitis B
 - Herpes zoster
 - Human papillomavirus
 - Influenza
 - Measles, mumps, rubella
 - Meningococcal (meningitis)
 - Pneumococcal
 - Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis
 - Varicella
- **Latent tuberculosis infection screening**
- **Over-the-counter drugs** when prescribed by your doctor for preventive purposes:
 - Low-dose aspirin to prevent colorectal cancer
 - Low-dose aspirin to reduce the risk of heart attack
- **Physical therapy to prevent falls** (in community-dwelling adults 65 and older who are at increased risk of falling)
- **Routine physical exam**

- **Sexually transmitted infection screenings** (for adults at higher risk)
 - Chlamydia
 - Gonorrhea
 - HIV
 - Syphilis
- **Statin use for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease** in adults 40 to 75 years with no history of cardiovascular disease (CVD), one or more CVD risk factors, and a calculated 10-year CVD event risk of 10% or greater
- **Universal lipids screening** in adults 40 to 75 years to identify dyslipidemia and a calculation of a 10-year CVD risk

Additional preventive services for women⁴

- **Anemia screening** (for pregnant women)⁵
- **BRCA genetic counseling** to assess risk of carrying breast/ovarian cancer genes (for those who meet U.S. Preventive Services Task Force guidelines)
- **BRCA genetic testing** (for high-risk women and when services are ordered by a Plan physician)
- **Breastfeeding equipment**
- **Cancer screening:**
 - Breast cancer (mammography for women 40 and older)
 - Cervical cancer (for women 21 to 65)

- **Contraceptive devices, methods, and drugs** (FDA-approved and prescribed by your doctor), contraceptive device removal, and female sterilizations
- **Counseling intervention for pregnant or postpartum persons** at increased risk of perinatal depression
- **Discussions with primary care physician about:**
 - Breastfeeding and comprehensive lactation support
 - Chemoprevention for breast cancer (if at higher risk)
 - Contraceptive methods
 - Family history of breast and/or ovarian cancer
 - Folic acid supplements (a daily supplement of 0.4 to 0.8 milligrams of folic acid if you are capable or planning pregnancy)
 - Interpersonal and domestic violence
 - Preconception care
 - Tobacco use cessation and counseling for pregnant women
- **FDA-approved medications for tobacco cessation** for pregnant women, including over-the-counter medications, when prescribed by a Plan provider⁶
- **Gestational diabetes screening** (for pregnant women at high risk, or women 24 and 28 weeks pregnant)
- **Hepatitis B screening** (for pregnant women at their first prenatal visit)
- **HIV screening** for pregnant women
- **Low-dose aspirin** (after 12 weeks of gestation in women who are at high risk for preeclampsia)
- **Osteoporosis screening** (for women 65 and older, and those at higher risk)
- **Over-the-counter folic acid** (a daily supplement of 0.4 to 0.8 milligrams of folic acid for women who are capable or planning pregnancy to reduce the risk of birth defects when prescribed by a doctor for preventive purposes)
- **Preeclampsia screening** (for pregnant women with blood pressure measurements during pregnancy)
- **Prescribed, FDA-approved medications for breast cancer prevention** (if at higher risk, 35 and older with no prior history of breast cancer)
- **Rh incompatibility screening** (for pregnant women) and follow-up testing (for those at higher risk)
- **Routine physical exam**
- **Routine prenatal care visits⁷**
- **Screening for diabetes mellitus** after pregnancy
- **Screening for urinary incontinence** in women
- **Syphilis screening** for pregnant women
- **Urinary tract or other infection screening** (for pregnant women)

Preventive services for children

- **Age-appropriate preventive medical examinations**
- **Autism screening** by primary care physician (at 18 months and 24 months)
- **Behavioral assessments** by primary care physician (throughout development)
- **Blood pressure screening** for adolescents
- **Cervical dysplasia screening** (for sexually active females)
- **Congenital hypothyroidism screening** (newborns)
- **Depression screening** (for adolescents 12 to 18 years)
- **Developmental screening** (under 3 years) and surveillance (throughout childhood) by primary care physician
- **Discussions with primary care physician about:**
 - Alcohol and drug use counseling for adolescents
 - Fluoride supplements for children who have no fluoride in their water source
 - Iron supplements for children 6 months to 12 months at risk for anemia
 - Obesity screening and counseling
 - Sexually transmitted infection prevention counseling for adolescents at higher risk
 - Skin cancer counseling for young adults, adolescents, children, and parents of young children about minimizing exposure

to ultraviolet (UV) radiation for persons 6 months to 24 years with fair skin types to reduce their risk of skin cancer

- Tobacco use cessation and counseling
- **Dyslipidemia screening** (for children at higher risk of lipid disorders)
- **FDA-approved medications for tobacco cessation**, including over-the-counter medications, when prescribed by a Plan provider
- **Gonorrhea prevention medication** for the eyes (newborns)
- **Hearing screening** (newborns)
- **Height, weight, and body mass index (BMI) measurements** (throughout development)
- **Hematocrit or hemoglobin screening**
- **Hemoglobinopathies or sickle cell screening** (newborns)
- **Hepatitis B screening** (for adolescents at higher risk)
- **HIV screening** (for adolescents at higher risk)
- **Immunizations** (from birth to 18 years; doses, recommended ages, and recommended populations vary):
 - Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis
 - *Haemophilus influenzae* type B
 - Hepatitis A
 - Hepatitis B
 - Human papillomavirus
 - Inactivated poliovirus
 - Influenza
 - Measles, mumps, rubella
 - Meningococcal (meningitis)
 - Pneumococcal
 - Rotavirus
 - Varicella
- **Lead screening** (for children at risk of exposure)
- **Medical history** (throughout development)
- **Oral health risk assessments** by primary care physician
 - Fluoride supplementation starting at 6 months for children who have no fluoride in their water source
 - Fluoride varnish for the primary teeth of all infants and children starting at the age of primary tooth eruption
- **Over-the-counter drugs** when prescribed by your doctor for preventive purposes:
 - Iron supplements for children to reduce the risk of anemia
 - Oral fluoride for children to reduce the risk of tooth decay
- **Phenylketonuria screening** (newborns)
- **Routine physical exam**
- **Tuberculin testing** (for children at higher risk of tuberculosis)
- **Vision screening**

Additional region-specific preventive services⁸

For health plans issued in one of these states, additional region-specific preventive services are also listed for that state.

California

- Artificial insemination and sperm collection, processing, and testing for HIV-negative women who wish to conceive using sperm from HIV-positive donors
- Postpartum visits⁹
- Prostate cancer screenings (e.g., prostate-specific antigen testing and digital rectal examination)
- Retinal photography screenings for adults and children
- Travel immunizations

Colorado

- Annual mental wellness checkup for all individuals regardless of age¹⁰
- Breast cancer screening for all at-risk individuals regardless of age
- Colon cancer screening for all at-risk individuals regardless of age
- Prostate cancer screenings

Georgia

- Medically necessary labs and X-rays associated with a well-child visit
- Ovarian cancer surveillance test for women over 35 or at risk
- Prostate cancer screenings

Maryland

- Labs and X-rays associated with well-child visits
- Prostate cancer screenings

Oregon

- Coverage for condoms, regardless of the gender or sexual orientation of the covered person, and regardless if they are to be used for contraception or specifically to prevent a sexually transmitted disease
- First postpartum visit
- Medically necessary services and prescription medications for the treatment of physical, mental, sexual, and reproductive health care needs that arise from a sexual assault
- Prostate cancer screenings
- Screening following a sexual assault

Virginia

- Labs and X-rays associated with well-child visits
- Prostate cancer screenings

Washington

- Postpartum visits
- Prostate cancer screenings

Washington – Southwest region

- Coverage for condoms, regardless of the gender or sexual orientation of the covered person, and regardless if they are to be used for contraception or specifically to prevent a sexually transmitted disease
- Medically necessary services and prescription medications for the treatment of physical, mental, sexual, and reproductive health care needs that arise from a sexual assault
- Postpartum visits
- Prostate cancer screenings
- Screening following a sexual assault

Washington, D.C.

- Adjuvant breast screening (follow-up breast MRI or ultrasound for women with dense breast tissue, after an inconclusive mammogram, or deemed high risk by their provider)
- Labs and X-rays associated with well-child visits
- Prostate cancer screenings