Screening for Life Services

Screening for Life (SFL) is a cancer screening program and thus does not reimburse for services that are not related to a cancer screening procedure or a diagnostic procedure. Recently, the program has experienced an increase in the number of claims received for services that are not related to cancer screening. Services provided for diagnoses such as breast abscess/infection, vaginitis, hemorrhoids or benign prostatic hyperplasia are not considered part of a cancer screening. Please refrain from submitting claims that include ICD-9 codes for services that are not related to cancer screening and/or diagnostic procedures.

Data Highlights

The following highlights were reported in the most recent Division of Public Health Cancer Incidence and Mortality Report released in May 2010:

- From 1992-96 to 2002-06, Delaware's decline in female breast cancer incidence was 71.2% greater than the decline at the national level.
- From 1992-96 to 2002-06, Delaware's colorectal cancer incidence rate declined 15.4% while the comparable U.S. rate declined 12.0%.
- The proportion of prostate cancer cases in Delaware that are detected in the local stage has dramatically increased over the past 30 years.

Exciting screening news from 2008 Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance Survey (BRFSS)

- Delaware's colorectal cancer screening rate was over 74% for people age 50 and over who reported ever having had a sigmoidoscopy of colonoscopy.
- Delaware ranked 5th highest in the nation for breast cancer screening among women age 40 and older.

For more information go to: http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/dpc/files/final_imreport_2002-06.pdf

Credit Card

The Screening for Life (SFL) program continues to encourage providers to sign up to receive payments via credit card. This method of payment will expedite disbursements. Due to the way the SFL program processes provider payments, the length of time for a provider to receive a "check" from our organization has significantly increased. In an effort to avoid lengthy delays in reimbursement, please sign up to receive credit card payments. If your agency is willing to accept credit card payments without fees please send an email with "Credit Card" in the subject line to "Dhss_DPH_Records@state.de.us". When submitting the email, please include your SFL site number.

Nurse Navigators

Cancer Screening Nurse Navigators are available at area hospitals to help patients schedule screenings:

New Castle County:
St. Francis: (302) 421-4924

Kent County:
Bayhealth Medical Center (302) 744-6752

Sussex County:
Beebe Medical Center (302) 645-3169
Nanticoke Hospital (302) 629-6611, Ext. 3765
For more information on all the cancer services available through the Division of Public Health, please call 302-744-1040.

Other services include: radon testing, tobacco cessation assistance, care coordination and cancer treatment assistance

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**Claim Submission Requirements**

In order to receive reimbursement for services provided, Screening for Life (SFL) providers are required to submit claim information on CMS 1500 and/or 1450 forms. Additionally, providers are required to submit completed screening and/or diagnostic forms before reimbursement can be processed. In lieu of submitting screening and diagnostic forms, laboratory and imaging facilities are required to submit laboratory results and/or reports for services prior to reimbursement being processed.

In an effort to streamline claims processing and data collection, we encourage providers to send claim forms and accompanying documentation together. Submitting all information at the same time will expedite processing of claims.

Just to reiterate, we are unable to proceed with reimbursement for services for claim forms received that do not have complete and required data and/or reports attached. Claims received without supporting and required documentation will be suspended in the SFL billing system until supporting documentation is received.

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**Mobile Mammography Van Update**

The Delaware Mobile Mammography van is back on the road and ready to serve women enrolled in SFL. Any women enrolled in SFL and eligible to receive breast screening services can be seen on the mammography van. Additionally, women without insurance can receive a mammogram on the van for a cost of $30.00.

For more information regarding accessing services on the Mobile Mammography van, call 1-888-672-9647.

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**Case Management**

Screening for Life (SFL) provides screening and diagnostic services for breast, cervical, colorectal and prostate cancer only. If a client enrolled in SFL is diagnosed with any of the mentioned cancers, the SFL provider’s office that determines the diagnosis must contact the SFL program and speak with a case manager as soon as possible. The SFL case management staff are available to assist the client with completing and submitting an application to the appropriate cancer treatment program. Reminder—SFL does not reimburse for cancer treatment services.

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**Need assistance with following up with SFL clients? Need translation services?**

The SFL program has staff available that will provide case management services for all SFL providers. Services include following up with clients to ensure appointments are kept and diagnostic procedures and treatment are obtained. Reaching out to clients who may have barriers to obtaining services and assisting the clients overcome those obstacles to access services. If you are in need of these services, please call 302-744-1040 and ask to speak with one of the SFL case managers.

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**New SFL Providers**

Janice Tildon-Burton, M.D.
OB/GYN—Newark, DE

Central Delaware Family Medicine
Family Practice—Dover, DE

La Red Health Center
Family Practice—Seaford, DE

**Reminder:**

**September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month**

**October is Breast Cancer Awareness**