

**TITLE: Colorectal Cancer Screening****IDENTIFIER: SHPS 1601****EFFECTIVE DATE: 08/26/21****DEPARTMENT: Clinical Policies****Applies to:** **SHPS – Medicare Advantage+** **SHPS – Commercial** **Scripps Health Plan****I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this medical policy is to establish a guideline for Scripps Health Plan Services (SHPS) Utilization Management (UM) department for colorectal cancer screening in accordance with American Cancer Society (ACS) recommendations that will augment standard guidelines established by the health plan and/or CMS.

II. BACKGROUND

Standard health plan and/or CMS guidelines are followed according to established hierarchy. In some instances, those guidelines are not yet reflective of the ACS guidance for patients under the age of 50.

III. POLICY/PROCEDURE

- A. Applies to SHPS UM referral submitted by provider for authorization of colorectal cancer screening, specifically Cologuard.
- B. SHPS Nurse reviewer processes referral and evaluates based on standard health plan and/or CMS guidelines.
- C. If the member age is between 45 and 50 but would otherwise qualify for the service, the SHPS Nurse reviewer will approve based on the American Cancer Society recommended age bracket.
- D. SHPS Nurse reviewer follows standard referral determination, documentation and notification requirements.

IV. GUIDELINE

ACS guideline can be found via web URL: [Colorectal Cancer Guideline | How Often to Have Screening Tests](#)

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V. REFERENCES

American Cancer Society URL [Colorectal Cancer Guideline | How Often to Have Screening Tests](#)

| HISTORY | | |
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