



Amendment to 2010 Evidence of Coverage

Effective January 1, 2010, annual voluntary HIV screening tests are covered for Medicare beneficiaries at high risk for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection and pregnant women during the third trimester, and at labor.

According to the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, persons at high risk for HIV infection include:

- Men who have had sex with men after 1975;
- Men and women having unprotected sex with multiple partners;
- Past or present injection drug users;
- Men and women who exchange sex for money or drugs, or have sex partners who do;
- Individuals whose past or present sex partners were HIV-infected, bisexual or injection drug users;
- Persons being treated for sexually-transmitted diseases;
- Persons with a history of blood transfusion between 1978 and 1985;
- Persons who request an HIV test despite reporting no individual risk factors since this group is likely to include individuals not willing to disclose high-risk behaviors.

Physicians United Plan (PUP) will cover both standard and US Food and Drug Administration approved rapid screening tests. You pay the same lab test copayments for this test that you pay for all other lab tests.