



### **How frequently does Medicare cover a Lipid Panel test?**

For patients who have a known condition (not a screening) that requires checking of total cholesterol, LDL, HDL or triglycerides, Medicare covers a Lipid Panel lab test **once every 12 months**.

If in the past 12 months, a patient has been advised to make changes to diet and/or begin cholesterol lowering medication therapy, then Medicare *may* cover one or more parts of the lipid panel test (but not a full lipid panel), such as total cholesterol only or LDL only, within the same year.

If your provider has ordered a full Lipid Panel test more often than what Medicare covers (once every 12 months), then you may be responsible for payment if you choose to have the test.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the option of ordering individual components of the Lipid Panel test, please contact your provider who ordered the test.