

## Mammogram - Screening (77065, 77066, 77067, 77063) 220.4

<b>Indications:</b>
A screening mammography is a radiological procedure furnished to a woman without signs or symptoms of breast disease, for the purpose of early detection of cancer, and includes a physician's interpretation of the results of the procedure.

<b>Limitations:</b>
A screening mammography must be, at a minimum, a two-view exposure (cranio-caudal and a medial lateral oblique view) of each breast.
Payment may not be made for a screening mammography performed on a woman under age 35. Payment may be made for only one screening mammography performed on a woman over age 34, but under age 40. For an asymptomatic woman over age 39, payment may be made for a screening mammography performed after at least 11 months have passed following the month in which the last screening mammography was performed.
If testing is indicated to rule out or to confirm a suspected diagnosis because of a sign and/or symptom then a <b>Diagnostic test</b> should be ordered, <b>not a Screening test</b> .
If a patient has a history of breast cancer, no longer present, a <b>Diagnostic test</b> should be ordered, not a <b>Screening test</b> .
Medicare will cover a <b>Screening test</b> for asymptomatic women with breast implants. Note that the American College of Radiology (ACR) recommendation differs.

<b>Diagnosis (which meets medical necessity) *</b>	
Z12.31	Encounter for screening mammogram for malignant neoplasm of breast

\*Note: This is the only diagnosis which meets medical necessity for a screening mammogram.

National Coverage Determination – Mammograms 220.4:

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/ncd.aspx?ncdid=186&ncdver=1&bc=0>

CMS covered diagnoses and payment rules: (After clicking on the link, download the file)

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coverage/DeterminationProcess/downloads/CR13391.zip>

ACR Breast Imaging Frequently Asked Questions Update 2021:

<https://www.acr.org/-/media/ACR/Files/Advocacy/2021-Breast-Imaging-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>

The above CMS and WPS-GHA guidelines are current as of: 04/01/2025.