

2008
NATIONAL COVERAGE DETERMINATION (NCD)
CPT CODE: G0103

PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING
(PSA TEST, SCREEN)

DLS TEST CODE AND NAME

505	PROSTATIC SPECIFIC AG SCREEN
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ICD 9 CODE	DESCRIPTION
V76.44 *	Special screening for malignant neoplasms, prostate

Medicare covers a screening PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) test once a year as of January 1, 2000.

A routine annual screening for all men age 50 and over generally includes a digital rectal exam and PSA blood test. Medicare will pay for this Prostate Cancer Screening once a year. The screening test must be ordered by a health care professional.

If your doctor orders a PSA, and you have had one within the last 365 days, the second screening will not be covered by Medicare, even if you are over 50.

Deductible and coinsurance are waived for the annual screening PSA test.

Your doctor's staff needs to tell you before beginning the tests, if Medicare will pay for the tests. A second PSA, to determine the cause of related symptoms and signs, is diagnostic, and therefore payable. A second screening PSA within a 365-day period, with no symptoms or signs that there is anything wrong is considered a non-covered service. A waiver is not required for non-covered services. You will be responsible for paying for this non-covered service.

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