

Insurance Coverage for Colorectal Cancer Screening

“Insurance coverage varies. People should check with their health insurance provider to determine their colorectal cancer screening benefits. Because virtual colonoscopy is a fairly new procedure, reimbursement policies may be more uncertain than for other types of screening.”¹

Medicare covers several colorectal cancer screening tests for its beneficiaries. Specific information about Medicare benefits is available on the Medicare website at <http://www.medicare.gov/health/overview.asp> or <http://www.medicare.gov/navigation/manage-your-health/preventive-services/colon-cancer-screening.aspx>.

If you have private insurance, check with your insurance provider to learn what’s included in your plan. The cost will depend on which kind of test you need.²

If you don’t have health insurance, you can still get important screening tests. To learn more, go to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Health Resources and Services Administration site and [find a health center near you](#).²

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