

## Medicare Coverage for STI Services

<http://www.medicare.gov/coverage/sexually-transmitted-infections-screening-and-counseling.html>

### Sexually transmitted infections (STI) screening & counseling

#### How often is it covered?

Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance) covers sexually transmitted infection (STI) screenings for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and/or Hepatitis B once every 12 months or at certain times during pregnancy.

Medicare also covers up to 2 individual 20 to 30 minute, face-to-face, high-intensity behavioral counseling sessions each year for sexually active adults at increased risk for STIs.

#### Your costs in Original Medicare

You pay nothing for STI screenings and counseling if your primary care doctor or other qualified health care provider accepts

Assignment (An agreement by your doctor, provider, or supplier to be paid directly by Medicare, to accept the payment amount Medicare approves for the service, and not to bill you for any more than the Medicare deductible and coinsurance).

#### Note

Your doctor or other health care provider may recommend you get services more often than Medicare covers. Or, they may recommend services that Medicare doesn't cover. If this happens, you may have to pay some or all of the costs. It's important to ask questions so you understand why your doctor is recommending certain services and whether Medicare will pay for them.

#### Things to know

Your primary care provider must order the screening or refer you for behavioral counseling. Medicare will only cover counseling sessions with a primary care doctor in a primary care setting (like a doctor's office). Medicare won't cover counseling in an inpatient setting (like a skilled nursing facility).