American Cancer Society Revised Mammography Screening Guidelines

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**Note:** This article applies only to claims submitted to TMHP for processing. Refer to the Medicaid managed care organizations (MCO) for information about benefits, limitations, prior authorization, reimbursement, and MCO specific claim processing procedures.

The American Cancer Society has revised its guidelines for mammography screenings, as outlined below.

**Screening Mammogram**

A screening mammogram is an X-ray of the breast used to detect breast changes in women who have no signs or symptoms of breast cancer. The American Cancer society recommends that women discuss when to start breast cancer screening with their providers beginning at 40 years of age.

- By age 45, all women should begin annual breast cancer mammography screening.
- By age 55, women may transition to screening with mammography every other year, or in some cases may continue annual screenings in consultation with their healthcare provider.

Providers may refer to the *Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Medical and Nursing Specialists, Physicians, and Physicians Assistants Handbook*, subsection 9.2.15.4 “Mammography (Screening and Diagnostic Studies of the Breast,)” for additional information.

For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.