



# Screening for Life Newsletter

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## Colorectal Cancer Screening

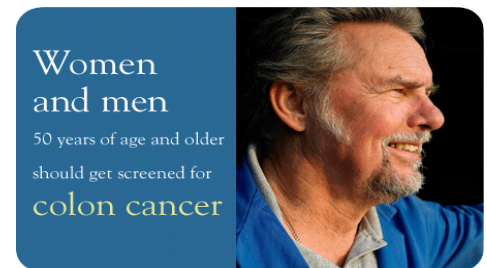
As we kick off Colon Cancer Awareness Month, we are proud to announce that the Screening for Life Program has been awarded a grant to help our state increase colorectal cancer education and screening for average risk Delaware residents.

In order to fulfill the requirements of our grant award, we must capture additional data during screening. Please see the attached **NEW** colorectal cancer screening and diagnostic forms. Effective immediately, please use the attached forms for colorectal cancer related screening and/or diagnostic services. Feel free to print out copies of the attached documents.

Within the next month, the Screening for Life office will mail original numbered forms in bulk to your office. Once the numbered forms have been received, please refrain from making copies of the attached documents so as not to duplicate numbered forms.

Additionally, attached is an updated Screening for Life Reimbursable CPT Code list.

This list is updated with new Colorectal Cancer Screening Codes that were approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



## HPV Testing

Under the previous policy; SFL reimbursed for HPV testing for women ages 21 and over when there was an abnormal pap result; commonly known as Atypical Squamous Cells of Undetermined Significance (ASC-US) or as a 1 year follow-up for a low grade SIL (LSIL) pap.

Under the new SFL policy **effective immediately**; SFL will reimburse for HPV testing on women ages 30 and over, regardless of pap test results.

- The SFL program will reimburse using CPT Code 87621
- The SFL Program will reimburse for both the Hybrid Capture II (HC2) from Digene as well as the Cervista HPV HR.

**NOTE:** The Cervista HPV HR will be **reimbursed at the same rate as the Digene HC2 Assay**.

The SFL program will continue to reimburse using the CPT Code 87621 – Hybrid Capture II (HC2) from Digene and Cervista HPV HR for women younger than 30 years of age for High Risk Typing; as management of ASC-US Pap tests, and/or one year follow-up for LSIL Pap.

**NOTE:** The Cervista HPV HR will be **reimbursed at the same rate as the Digene HC2 Assay**.

Please keep in mind the screening interval for pap tests listed below:

- **Cervical Cancer Re-screen Protocol:** SFL will reimburse for a Pap test per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Pap re-screening interval policy. The screening interval for negative (normal) liquid-based Pap tests is once every two (2) years and for conventional Pap tests is once a year. This interval increases to once every three (3) years when there have been three (3) consecutive negative (normal) Pap tests within a 60-month period.
- **Cervical Cancer Re-screen Protocol with HPV testing:** If both the Pap test and the HPV test are negative (normal), the screening interval is once every three (3) years.

Thank you for your continued participation and interest in the SFL program. We are always open to hearing about ways to improve our processes and welcome any feedback you have relating to our program. If you have any questions; please don't hesitate to call our office at 302-744-1040.