Regular checkups and exams can help you stay healthy and catch problems early — when they are easier to treat.

That is why our health plans offer all the preventive care services and immunizations below at no cost to you. As long as you use a plan doctor, pharmacy or lab, you will not have to pay anything. If you go outside the plan, you may have out-of-pocket costs.

If you are not sure which services make sense for you, talk to your doctor.

**Preventive vs. diagnostic care**

Preventive care helps protect you from becoming sick. If your doctor recommends services even though you have no symptoms, that is preventive care. Diagnostic care is when you have symptoms and your doctor recommends services to find out what is causing those symptoms.

**Adult preventive care**

**Preventive physical exams**

**Screening tests**

- Alcohol misuse: related screening and behavioral counseling
- Aortic aneurysm screening (for men who have smoked)
- Behavioral counseling to promote a healthy diet
- Blood pressure
- Bone density test to screen for osteoporosis
- Cholesterol and lipid (fat) levels
- Colorectal cancer, including fecal occult blood test, barium enema, flexible sigmoidoscopy, screening colonoscopy and related prep kit, and computed tomography (CT) colonography (as appropriate)
- Depression screening
- Hepatitis C virus (HCV) for people at high risk for infection, and a one-time screening for adults born between 1945 and 1965
- Type 2 diabetes screening
- Eye chart test for vision

**Immunizations**

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough)
- Hepatitis A and hepatitis B
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Influenza (flu)
- Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)
- Meningococcal (meningitis)
- Pneumococcal (pneumonia)
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- Zoster (shingles)

**Women’s preventive care**

- Breast cancer, including exam, mammogram, and genetic testing for BRCA 1 and BRCA 2 when certain criteria are met
- Breastfeeding: primary care intervention to promote breastfeeding support, supplies and counseling
- Contraceptive (birth control) counseling
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved contraceptive medical services, including sterilization, provided by a doctor
- Counseling related to chemoprevention for those at high risk for breast cancer
- Counseling related to genetic testing for those with a family history of ovarian or breast cancer
- HPV screening
- Screening and counseling for interpersonal and domestic violence
- Pregnancy screenings, including gestational diabetes, hepatitis B, asymptomatic bacteriuria, Rh incompatibility, syphilis, HIV and depression
- Pelvic exam and Pap test, including screening for cervical cancer

These preventive care services are recommendations of the Affordable Care Act (ACA or health care reform law). They may not be right for every person, so ask your doctor what is right for you.

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A word about pharmacy items

For 100% coverage of your over-the-counter (OTC) drugs and the following pharmacy items, you must:

- Meet certain age requirements and other rules.
- Receive prescriptions from plan doctors and fill them at plan pharmacies.
- Have prescriptions (even for the OTC items).

Child preventive drugs and other pharmacy items — age appropriate

- Dental fluoride varnish to prevent the tooth decay of primary teeth for children ages 0 to 5 years
- Fluoride supplements for children ages 6 months to 16 years

Women’s preventive drugs and other pharmacy items — age appropriate

- Contraceptives, including generic prescription drugs, brand-name drugs with no generic equivalent and OTC items like female condoms and spermicides
- Low-dose aspirin (81 mg) for pregnant women who are at increased risk of preeclampsia
- Folic acid for women ages 55 or younger who are planning and able to become pregnant
- Breast cancer risk-reducing medications, such as tamoxifen, raloxifene and aromatase inhibitors, that follow the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force criteria

For a complete list of covered preventive drugs under the Affordable Care Act, view the Preventive ACA Drug List flyer at anthem.com/pharmacyinformation.