Important Information about Cervical Cancer Screening (CCS) HEDIS Measure

GlobalHealth has selected the HEDIS Measure Cervical Cancer Screening (CCS) as an improvement target. As defined by HEDIS, the measure assesses women 21-64 years of age who were screened for cervical cancer using either one of the following criteria:

- For women age 21–29: cervical cytology performed every 3 years.
- For women age 30-65:
  - cervical cytology performed every 3 years,
  - high risk human papillomavirus (hrHPV) and cytology co-testing performed every 5 years, or
  - high risk human papillomavirus (hrHPV) alone performed every 5 years.

Cervical cancer is a disease in which cells in the cervix grow out of control. Cervical cancer used to be one of the most common causes of cancer death for American women; effective screening has reduced the mortality rate by more than 50 percent over the last 30 years. Cervical cancer is preventable in most cases because effective screening tests exist. If detected early, cervical cancer is highly treatable.

GlobalHealth members can self-refer to a network provider for well-woman care. Prior Authorization is not needed.

Next Steps:

- Provide clear communication to the patient about screening process and frequency, risk and benefits, your treatment recommendations, and why.
- Discuss Human Papillomavirus vaccination, as appropriate.
- Encourage questions, address concerns.
- Confirm agreement with treatment plan.

References:

- American Cancer Society, American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology, and American Society for Clinical Pathology Screening Guidelines for the Prevention and Early Detection of Cervical Cancer [PDF-297KB]
- United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) Cervical Cancer Screening Recommendations (August 2018)
- USPSTF Cervical Cancer Screening Considerations
• Cervical Cancer Screening (National Cancer Institute)
• Cervical Cancer Screening–For Health Professionals (National Cancer Institute)
• American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology Management Guidelines
• Adult Vaccinations: Human Papillomavirus

Additional Information and Patient Resources (CDC)
• Prevent Cervical Cancer with the Right Test at the Right Time infographic
• Cervical Cancer