Seizing the Transformative Opportunity of Multi-Cancer Early Detection

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Agenda

• Importance of cancer screenings
• Medicare’s existing coverage
• Why the legislation is needed
• What the legislation does
• Legislation’s impact on existing Medicare coverage of cancer screening tests
Importance of Cancer Screenings

• Detect cancer early

• Greater likelihood of successful outcome

• Incidence of cancer increases with age
Existing Medicare Coverage

Medicare overage of cancer screenings:

• Congressionally-mandated coverage

• Other preventive services if recommended by USPSTF
Why is the legislation needed?

- Science is moving quickly
- Pathway should be established to prevent unnecessary barriers to coverage
What Does the Legislation Do?

• Provides a pathway for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection screening tests through the National Coverage Determination Process

• No changes to coverage of other cancer screening tests
What’s covered?

• Multi-cancer early detection screening test:
  • Must be approved or cleared by the FDA
  • Used for early detection of many cancer types
  • Tests can be:
    • Blood or blood product (like serum)
    • Other equivalent test (urine or other biological material) as Secretary determines

• Tests covered annually
Impact on other screening tests

- Medicare’s current coverage of cancer screenings are unchanged

- Beneficiaries can receive existing Medicare screening tests AND multi-cancer screening test (and vice versa).
Thank you!

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