

# North Dakota Colorectal Cancer Screening Initiative ...at a glance

The North Dakota Colorectal Cancer Screening Initiative (Initiative) is designed to reduce colorectal cancer morbidity and mortality through early detection. This program from the North Dakota Department of Health aims to provide colorectal cancer screening, including limited diagnostic follow-up testing, where appropriate, to age and income eligible persons in North Dakota.

## Who is eligible?

- Persons ages 45-64
- Resident of North Dakota
- Uninsured or underinsured
- At an average or increased risk for colorectal cancer
- Low-income (requires your annual income to fall within 139 to 200% of the federal poverty guidelines) Visit <https://www.health.nd.gov/crc> for income guideline details
- Due or past due for CRC screening

Details for all these topics can be found in the North Dakota Colorectal Cancer Screening Initiative Health Care Provider Handbook.

## What services are reimbursed?

- Take-home stool test for individuals of **average risk** for colorectal cancer
  - Diagnostic colonoscopy for those who have had a positive stool test
- Office visit where the take-home stool test was ordered
- Colonoscopy procedure for patients considered at increased or **high risk** for colorectal cancer
- Office visit where the colonoscopy procedure was ordered
- Pre-op office visit, if determined by the physician performing the colonoscopy procedure that this office visit is needed prior to the colonoscopy
- Limited lab work with a pre-op office visit
- Bowel prep
- Analysis of any biopsies taken during the colonoscopy procedure
- Follow-up colonoscopy procedure of enrolled individuals in the NDCRCSI

## How do I become an Initiative provider?

- Complete a Provider Cooperative Agreement
- Submit evidence of licensure or certification as a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, clinic, hospital, mammography facility or laboratory
- Establish and maintain a patient record for each enrollee seen through the Initiative
- Establish tracking and follow-up systems to encourage Initiative enrollees to receive regular screening and appropriate diagnostic treatment services
- Comply with the Initiative quality assurance standards for colorectal cancer screening