

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month



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Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in the United States and the second leading cause of death from cancers affecting both men and women. Colorectal cancer touches all racial and ethnic groups and is most common in people ages 50 and older. In 2019 alone, Wellmark reported the State of Iowa had 1,173 members with colorectal cancer claims totaling \$3,189,977.



The best way to prevent colorectal cancer is to get regular screening as recommended by your health care provider. There are often no signs or symptoms of colorectal cancer – that’s why it’s so important to get screened.

Colorectal cancer screening is a preventive service*, covered at 100 percent, starting at age 50 and continuing until age 75. Your health care provider may recommend screening at an earlier age based on your family history and any symptoms.

***In order for the screening to be covered as preventive, the service must be delivered by a Wellmark in-network provider and be coded as a preventive service.**
