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Coverage for cervical cancer screenings revised to follow USPSTF and ASCCP guidelines

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) currently covers cervical cancer screening services including cytology (Pap smear) and human papillomavirus (HPV) testing, as well as medically necessary services such as the collection of samples, screening by a cytotechnologist, and a physician's interpretation of the test results. Effective April 14, 2017, the IHCP will follow the recommendations for cervical cancer screening set by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (ASCCP). For repeat testing, cytologic thresholds for further diagnostic testing (colposcopy) and treatments, and extended surveillance, the IHCP will follow the recommendations of the ASCCP. Detailed information regarding screening recommendation can be found on the [USPSTF website](http://uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org) at uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org and the [ASCCP website](http://asccp.org) at asccp.org. This policy change applies to all IHCP programs, subject to limitations established for certain benefit plans. Coverage changes apply to dates of service (DOS) on or after April 14, 2017.



The USPSTF recommends the following guidelines for cervical cancer screenings:

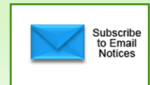
- **Women younger than 21 years of age:** No screening for cervical cancer
- **Women 21 through 64 years of age:** Screening for cervical cancer with cytology (Pap smear) every three years
- **Women younger than 30 years of age:** No screening for cervical cancer with HPV testing, alone or in combination with cytology
- **Women 30 through 64 years of age:** Screening for cervical cancer with a combination of cytology and HPV testing every five years for women in this age range who want to lengthen the screening interval
- **Women with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV):** Screening for cervical cancer within one year of sexual activity or initial HIV diagnosis using conventional or liquid-based cytology, with testing repeated six months later
- **Women who have had a hysterectomy:** No screening for cervical cancer in women who have had a hysterectomy with removal of the cervix and who do not have a history of a high-grade precancerous lesion (cervical intraepithelial neoplasia [CIN] grade 2 or 3) or cervical cancer

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