

HIV SCREENING



Hello,

My name is Al Castellanos and I am a licensed insurance agent. Do you know what disease prevention is and why it's important? Well I am here to give you that information. Medicare pays for many preventive services to keep you healthy. These preventive services can find health problems early, when treatment works best, and can keep you from getting certain diseases.

HIV Screening is one of the preventive services that is covered by Medicare.

What is it?

HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) is a virus that attacks cells that help the body fight infection, making a person more vulnerable to other infections and diseases.

Risk Factors:

The most common modes of transmission in the United States are via:

- Unprotected Sex
- Anal sexual intercourse
- Vaginal sexual intercourse
- Oral sex
- Use of injected drugs where needles/syringes/materials are shared with others
- Mother to child

Who's covered?

Medicare covers HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) screenings if you meet these conditions:

- You're 15 – 65, not at risk and ask for the screening.
- You're younger than 15 or older than 65, at an increased risk for the virus, and ask for the screening.

How often is it covered?

Medicare covers this test once every 12 months, or up to 3 times during a pregnancy.

Your cost if you have Original Medicare

You pay nothing for this test.

If you have any questions regarding this exam or any of the other Preventive Service exams covered by Medicare, please contact me at (281) 642-4082 or at alcastellanos@prinsuco.com.