# Lung Cancer Screening Coverage Requirements

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<td>• 55-80 years of age;</td>
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<td>• States should cover screening for Medicaid expansion enrollees who meet USPSTF criteria.</td>
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COVERAGE OF LUNG CANCER SCREENING IN STATE MEDICAID FEE-FOR-SERVICE (FFS) PROGRAMS

- Covered
- Not Covered
- Not Available
- No FFS Program

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Methodology

- Assessed current coverage of lung cancer screening in state Medicaid fee-for-service programs for standard Medicaid population.

- Sent short survey to Medicaid staff in all 50 states and DC asking for details and documentation of coverage policy, eligibility criteria, and prior authorization requirements.

- Data collected from December 2018 to January 2019.
Of the 31 state Medicaid fee-for-service programs that cover screening:

- 13 follow USPSTF criteria,
- 3 follow Medicare criteria,
- 15 follow other criteria; and

- **13 states require prior authorization.**
Key Takeaways

• Gaps exist in access to lung cancer screening for the Medicaid population.
  • The Lung Association urges all state Medicaid programs to cover lung cancer screening based on evidence-based guidelines across all fee-for-service and managed care plans and to remove any financial or administrative barriers that limit access to this lifesaving service.

• This research can inform program and policy efforts to improve appropriate utilization of lung cancer screening for individuals at high risk and ultimately reduce the mortality from lung cancer.
State Lung Cancer Screening Coverage Toolkit

Resources at [lung.org/lung-cancer-coverage](http://lung.org/lung-cancer-coverage)

Lung Cancer Screening Coverage Issue Brief with Coverage Map

Webinar: Lung Cancer Screening Coverage in State Medicaid Programs

New Fact Sheets and Additional Educational Materials

Portal for Patient Stories
Currently, 36 states & DC have adopted the ACA’s Medicaid expansion.

States that expand should be covering lung cancer screening for the USPSTF high risk population.

Medicaid expansion can also help address health disparities – research has shown that Medicaid expansion is associated with a reduced risk of hospital closures, especially in rural areas.

Medicaid Expansion

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State of Lung Cancer

- Released Nov 13th
- Compared states on:
  - New Cases
  - Survival
  - Early Diagnosis
  - Surgical Treatment
  - Lack of Treatment
  - Screening Coverage
  - Screening Rate
- Screening rates low (4.2% nationally)
- States must do more
- Lung.org/solc
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