

**Title:** Screening for Colorectal Cancer - Blood-Based Biomarker Tests (CAG-00454N)

**Decision:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has determined that the evidence is sufficient to cover a blood-based biomarker test as an appropriate colorectal cancer screening test once every 3 years for Medicare beneficiaries when performed in a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA)-certified laboratory, when ordered by a treating physician and when all applicable coverage requirements are met.

The currently available Epi proColon<sup>®</sup> test does not meet the criteria for an appropriate blood-based biomarker CRC screening test. Based on the evidence at this time, CMS will non-cover the Epi proColon<sup>®</sup> test.

**What this means:** A blood-based biomarker lab test may be covered every 3 years to screen for colorectal cancer when coverage requirements are met. Please refer to the final decision memo for all coverage criteria. The Epi proColon<sup>®</sup> test is not covered.

**Effective:** January 19, 2021

This announcement can be found at: [Decision Memo for Screening for Colorectal Cancer - Blood-Based Biomarker Tests \(CAG-00454N\)](#)

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