

Local 734 Welfare Fund / Pension Fund

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Coverage for Cologuard Testing

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To All Participants in the Local 734 Welfare Fund:

Starting January 1, 2019 the Plan will cover the Cologuard® test for:

- Participants age 50 or over
- Who have a physician's prescription

Cologuard is an at-home kit that tests for the presence of colorectal cancer. It requires the patient to collect a small stool sample and mail it to a proprietary laboratory. The lab checks the sample for the presence of cancer cells and specific tumor-associated genetic mutations.

Cologuard tests will be covered every three calendar years.

It is recommended that high-risk individuals have colonoscopies instead. In addition, anyone with a positive Cologuard result should undergo a colonoscopy.

Benefits will be paid at 80% subject to the annual deductible.

Note that Cologuard must be prescribed by a physician and cannot be purchased over the counter.