



# Investing in Prevention

## Covering Preventive Services in the Medicaid Program

### OVERVIEW

The 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“health reform”) emphasizes the importance of prevention as a means to improve the quality of care, reduce long-term health costs and promote patient well-being, including length and quality of life. The Act also emphasizes the importance of heart-healthy habits and wellness.

### USPSTF & B RECOMMENDATIONS

The USPSTF is an independent panel of experts with staff from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that systematically reviews scientific evidence on prevention and evidence-based medicine. The panel is comprised of primary care providers such as internists, pediatricians, family physicians, gynecologists, obstetricians, nurses, and health behavior specialists. The panel conducts reviews of a broad range of clinical preventive health care services, such as:

## FACT SHEET: Covering Preventive Services in the Medicaid Program

### HOW ARE WE DOING?

Although we have placed a greater emphasis on prevention and strengthened the role of USPSTF recommendations within health coverage, implementation in Medicaid