



## Breast Cancer Screening

### Best Practice

Breast cancer accounts for 1 in 4 cancer diagnoses, and is one of the most common types of cancer among American women. Early detection by screening with mammograms can decrease breast cancer mortality; however, nearly one third of women do not have adequate screening for this devastating disease.<sup>1</sup> A mammogram can detect about 85 percent of breast cancers in women without symptoms.<sup>2</sup>

### Wellness Report

Molina Healthcare annually monitors the percentage of women 40-69 years of age who had a mammogram in the last two years to screen for breast cancer.

HEDIS <sup>®</sup> Measure	2008 Rate	2009 Rate	Goal*
Breast Cancer Screening	41.17%	44.17%	59.00%

\* National NCQA 75<sup>th</sup> percentile for Medicaid HMO plans.

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<sup>1</sup> National Cancer Institute. Fact Sheet. Screening Mammograms: Questions and Answers.  
<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/detection/screening-mammograms>. Access December 27 2010.

<sup>2</sup> American Cancer Society. Breast Cancer Facts and Figures 2007-2008.  
[http://www.cancer.org/docroot/STT/stt\\_0.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/STT/stt_0.asp). Accessed December 22, 2010.