

# SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION LANGUAGE

## Summary Plan Description Language: Cervical Cancer Screening (Screening)

### Covered Screening

Conventional Pap test.

\*\*\*Health plans have the discretion to provide coverage for newer screening methods, such as liquid-based, thin-layer preparations (e.g., ThinPrep®) or computer-assisted screening (e.g., AutoCyte®), and human papillomavirus (HPV) tests, such as Hybrid Capture II®.

### Initiation, Cessation, and Interval

Cervical cancer screening is a covered benefit for women age 21 (or women of any age 3 years within the onset of sexual activity) through age 65. Coverage beyond the age of 65 is provided for women with known risk factors, recent abnormal pap smears, inadequate previous screening, or when information about previous screening is unavailable or when screening is unlikely to have occurred in the past.

Coverage allows Pap tests to be performed at least once every three years, but not more than once per calendar year.