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Women's Wellness Services — Without Cost-Sharing

In 2010 EmblemHealth rolled out the first of several enhancements required by the federal health care reform law (the Affordable Care Act or ACA) by eliminating cost-sharing for many in-network preventive services. Today, we're poised and ready to comply with the latest health reform mandate that eliminates cost-sharing for additional in-network preventive services.



In addition to the [list of preventive services offered in 2010](#), new and renewing individual and group health plans (except those with [grandfathered status](#)) will provide the following preventive services to women with no cost-sharing required when the services are received in network, beginning August 1, 2012*:

- Well-woman office visits
- Gestational diabetes screening
- HPV DNA testing
- STD counseling
- HIV screening and counseling
- Contraception and contraceptive counseling
- Breastfeeding support, supplies and counseling
- Domestic violence screening

According to [industry research](#), this second round of preventive services benefits enhancements required by the Affordable Care Act is especially significant for women, since more mothers and daughters will be able to receive life-saving screenings such as pap smears, mammograms and others for conditions and diseases like osteoporosis.

*For calendar-year group health plans, compliance is required beginning January 1, 2013.