

2023 USPSTF Recommendations Impacted by *Braidwood* Decision

On March 30, 2023, a federal judge's final judgment in *Braidwood v. Becerra* applied his September decision striking down the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) preventive services mandate nationwide. This decision would apply to all preventive services with an A or B grade recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) after the ACA's passage in March 2010. Insurers would be able to impose cost-sharing for these services, potentially impacting millions of Americans' access to free preventive care.

The chart below summarizes the status of the USPSTF's A and B grade recommended services before the *Braidwood* district court decision and where those recommendations stood prior to the passage of the ACA on March 23, 2010. The *Braidwood* decision effectively locks in place the recommendations as of March 23, 2010 — recommendations made after this date would not be required to be covered without cost sharing, and updated recommendations made after this date would revert to their pre-March 2010 version. Recommendations, or recommendations for particular populations, previously covered but downgraded by the USPSTF below an A/B grade after March 23, 2010 would be reinstated as a result of the *Braidwood* decision but are not included on this list. Unless otherwise stated, the services listed below apply to the general population.

Pre-Braidwood USPSTF Services with an A/B Grade	Coverage Status Post-Braidwood (reflects status prior to ACA passage on March 23, 2010)	At Risk?
Anxiety screenings (children & adolescents aged 8-18)	Recommendation added October 2022	No longer covered for free
Application of fluoride varnish to primary teeth (infants & children)	Recommendation added December 2021	
Aspirin use to prevent Preeclampsia (pregnant people)	Reverts to January 1996 recommendation citing insufficient evidence for aspirin use to prevent preeclampsia	
Behavioral counseling interventions for healthy weight gain (pregnant people)	Recommendation added May 2021	

Drug abuse screenings (adults)	Reverts to January 2008 recommendation citing insufficient evidence to screen adults for drug abuse
Falls Prevention interventions (community-dwelling seniors)	Recommendation added April 2018
Lung Cancer screenings (at-risk adults aged 50-80 years)	Reverts to May 2004 recommendation citing insufficient evidence to screen asymptomatic persons for lung cancer
Medication to reduce risk of Breast Cancer (at-risk adults aged 35+)	Reverts to July 2002 recommendation encouraging clinicians to discuss breast cancer chemoprevention but recommends against use of tamoxifen, raloxifene, or aromatase inhibitors to at-risk populations as a preventive service
Perinatal Depression preventive interventions (pregnant & postpartum people)	Recommendation added February 2019
PrEP access	Recommendation added June 2019
Screening for Gestational Diabetes (pregnant people at 24 weeks of gestation)	Reverts to May 2008 recommendation citing insufficient evidence to screen for gestational diabetes after 24 weeks of gestation
Screenings for Intimate Partner Violence & Elder Abuse	Reverts to March 2004 recommendation citing insufficient evidence to screen routinely for intimate partner violence and elder abuse
Skin Cancer prevention counseling (children, adolescents, young adults, & parents)	Reverts to October 2003 recommendation citing insufficient evidence for routine counseling
Statin prescriptions to prevent cardiovascular disease (at-risk adults)	Reverts to January 2001 recommendation only covering screenings for lipid disorders in adults
Tobacco Prevention interventions (children & adolescents)	Reverts to November 2003 recommendation citing insufficient evidence to recommend for or against screenings and interventions for tobacco abuse in children and adolescents
Hepatitis C screenings	Reverts to March 2004 recommendation advising against routine screening of asymptomatic adults & citing insufficient evidence for routine screening of at-risk adults

Alcohol abuse screening & behavioral counseling interventions	Adults remain covered for free; adolescents are no longer covered for free	Some coverage at risk
Prediabetes & Type 2 Diabetes screenings (at-risk adults)	Screenings for Type 2 diabetes remain covered for free; reverts to June 2008 recommendation that does not cover prediabetes screenings or interventions	
Colorectal cancer screenings (adults aged 45-75)	Screenings for adults aged 50-75 are still covered for free; reverts to October 2008 recommendation that does not include adults aged 45-49	
Hepatitis B screenings	Screenings for pregnant people are still covered for free, but screenings for adolescents & adults at increased risk are not; reverts to February 2004 recommendation advising against the routine screening of the general asymptomatic population for Hepatitis B	
HIV screenings	Pregnant people are still covered for free, the general population is not; reverts to July 2005 recommendation that only covers screenings for adolescents and adults at increased risk	
Osteoporosis screenings	Screenings for women aged 65+ remain covered for free; reverts to September 2002 guidance making no recommendations for screenings for women under 65	
Cervical Cancer screenings (people aged 21-65)	Screenings still covered for free; reverts to January 2003 recommendation citing insufficient evidence regarding the routine use of hrHPV in screenings	
Weight loss & obesity behavioral interventions (adults)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screenings (male smokers aged 65-75 years)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes	
Asymptomatic Bacteriuria screenings (pregnant people)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes	
BCRA-Related Cancer risk assessment, genetic counseling, & genetic testing (at-risk adults)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes	

Breast Cancer screenings (people aged 50-74)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Chlamydia screenings (at-risk adults & pregnant people)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Depression & suicide risk screenings (adults & children)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Diet & Exercise Behavioral Counseling Interventions (at-risk adults)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Folic Acid to prevent Neural Tube Defects (pregnant & pregnant-capable people)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Gonorrhea screenings (at-risk adults & pregnant people)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Hypertension screenings (at-risk adults)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Latent Tuberculosis Infection screening (at-risk adults)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Ocular Prophylaxis for Gonococcal Ophthalmia Neonatorum (infants)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Obesity screenings (children & adolescents)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Preeclampsia screenings (pregnant people)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Primary Care Breastfeeding Interventions	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Rh(D) Incompatibility screenings (pregnant people)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Screenings & interventions for dental caries (children aged 0-5)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Sexually Transmitted Infection counseling	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Syphilis screenings (at-risk adults & pregnant people)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Tobacco Smoking Cessation interventions (adults)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes
Vision screenings (children aged 3-5)	Still covered for free with no or limited changes