



COMMERCIAL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Genetic/Molecular Test Coding

Active

Section: Laboratory/Pathology
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Description

This policy addresses Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota's (Blue Cross) coding and reimbursement for genetic and molecular testing services on a professional (837P) claim.

This policy does not apply to FEP.

Policy Statement

Blue Cross requires that all providers billing for genetic and molecular testing services bill according to the coding recommendation in the Concert Genetics portal. The portal can be accessed at the following url: join.concertgenetics.com/bcbsmn.

This policy applies to codes billed from the following sections in the CPT/HCPCS Manual:

- Molecular Pathology
- Genomic Sequencing Procedures and Other Molecular Multianalyte Assays
- Multianalyte Assays with Algorithmic Analyses
- Proprietary Lab Analysis (PLA)

To support accurate and timely payment of your claim:

- For non-specific codes (e.g., 81479), a procedure description is required, with use of the Concert Genetic Test Unit (GTU) being strongly recommended (e.g., "GTU-6V98G" or "6V98G"). Refer to *Commercial General Coding – 005 Unlisted Procedure Code Reimbursement Policy*.
- For all other codes impacted by this policy, including the Concert GTU in the procedure description is recommended.

Noncompliance with this policy may result in a written notification from Blue Cross reminding provider of the requirement of this policy and any continued noncompliance may result in a denied payment or could result in termination of the provider's contract per the terms of the Provider Services Agreement.

Referring Provider

Providers may only bill for laboratory services that are ordered by a physician or other qualified practitioner. The name of the referring (ordering) provider must be included on all claim transactions, or the services may deny. Refer to *Commercial Lab Path Services – 005 Laboratory General Guide*.

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Number Requirements



The CLIA number must be submitted on all 837P transactions for laboratory services billed by any provider performing tests covered by CLIA. Claims submitted by providers for clinical laboratory services covered under CLIA without a valid and current CLIA certificate may be denied.

Lab Billed through the BlueCard Program

Blue Cross may contract with providers outside of their exclusive service area for services provided to local and BlueCard members within their own service area for independent clinical lab services. Providers who perform lab services should file the claim to the Blue plan where the referring physician is located. The claim will be adjudicated based on the provider’s participation status with that Blue plan.

Documentation Submission

Documentation must identify and describe the services performed. If a denial is appealed, this documentation must be submitted with the appeal.

Coverage

Eligible services will be subject to the subscriber benefits, applicable fee schedule amount and any coding edits.

The following applies to all claim submissions.

All coding and reimbursement is subject to all terms of the Provider Service Agreement and subject to changes, updates, or other requirements of coding rules and guidelines. All codes are subject to federal HIPAA rules, and in the case of medical code sets (HCPCS, CPT, ICD), only codes valid for the date of service may be submitted or accepted. Reimbursement for all Health Services is subject to current Blue Cross Medical Policy criteria, policies found in the Provider Policy and Procedure Manual sections, Reimbursement Policies and all other provisions of the Provider Service Agreement (Agreement).

In the event that any new codes are developed during the course of Provider's Agreement, such new codes will be paid according to the standard or applicable Blue Cross fee schedule until such time as a new agreement is reached and supersedes the Provider's current Agreement.

All payment for codes based on Relative Value Units (RVU) will include a site of service differential and will be calculated using the appropriate facility or non-facility components, based on the site of service identified, as submitted by Provider.

Coding

The following codes are included below for informational purposes only and are subject to change without notice. Inclusion or exclusion of a code does not constitute or imply subscriber coverage or provider reimbursement.

- CPT/HCPCS Modifier:** N/A
- ICD-10 Diagnosis:** N/A
- ICD-10 Procedure:** N/A
- CPT/HCPCS:** See [Appendix](#)
- Revenue Codes:** N/A

Policy History

06/10/2020	Initial Committee Approval
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Appendix

0002M	0003M	0004M	0006M	0007M	0008M	0009M	0010M	0011M	0012M
0013M	0014M	0015M	0016M	0017M	0020M				
0001U	0002U	0003U	0005U	0007U	0009U	0015U	0016U	0017U	0018U
0019U	0020U	0021U	0022U	0023U	0026U	0027U	0028U	0029U	0030U
0031U	0032U	0033U	0034U	0035U	0036U	0037U	0040U	0045U	0046U
0047U	0048U	0049U	0050U	0053U	0055U	0057U	0058U	0059U	0060U
0062U	0063U	0067U	0069U	0070U	0071U	0072U	0073U	0074U	0075U
0076U	0078U	0079U	0080U	0081U	0084U	0087U	0088U	0089U	0090U
0091U	0092U	0094U	0095U	0101U	0102U	0103U	0104U	0105U	0111U
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