

Drug Testing Policy, Professional for Louisiana

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THIS REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

You are responsible for submission of accurate claims. This reimbursement policy is intended to ensure that you are reimbursed based on the code or codes that correctly describe the health care services provided. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimbursement policies uses Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®*), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or other coding guidelines. References to CPT or other sources are for definitional purposes only and do not imply any right to reimbursement.

This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on CMS 1500 forms and, when specified, to those billed on UB04 forms. Coding methodology, industry-standard reimbursement logic, regulatory requirements, benefits design and other factors are considered in developing reimbursement policy.

This information is intended to serve only as a general reference resource regarding UnitedHealthcare Community Plan's reimbursement policy for the services described and is not intended to address every aspect of a reimbursement situation. Accordingly, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan may use reasonable discretion in interpreting and applying this policy to health care services provided in a particular case. Further, the policy does not address all issues related to reimbursement for health care services provided to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan enrollees.

Other factors affecting reimbursement supplement, modify or, in some cases, supersede this policy. These factors include, but are not limited to: federal &/or state regulatory requirements, the physician or other provider contracts, the enrollee's benefit coverage documents, and/or other reimbursement, medical or drug policies.

Finally, this policy may not be implemented exactly the same way on the different electronic claims processing systems used by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan due to programming or other constraints; however, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan strives to minimize these variations.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan may modify this reimbursement policy at any time by publishing a new version of the policy on this Website. However, the information presented in this policy is accurate and current as of the date of publication.

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Application

This reimbursement policy applies to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Medicaid products.

This reimbursement policy applies to services reported using the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (a/k/a CMS-1500) or its electronic equivalent or its successor form. This policy applies to all products and all network and non-network physicians and other qualified health care professionals, including, but not limited to, non-network authorized and percent of charge contract physicians and other qualified health care professionals.

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Policy

Overview

This policy defines the daily and annual limits for presumptive (CPT® codes 80305, 80306, and 80307) and definitive drug testing (HCPCS codes G0480 and G0481) and addresses Specimen Validity Testing.

All services described in this policy may be subject to additional UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimbursement policies including, but not limited to, the Maximum Frequency Per Day Policy, Laboratory Services Policy, and CCI Editing Policy.

Reimbursement Guidelines

This policy enforces the code description for presumptive and definitive drug testing in that the service should be reported once per day and it includes specimen validity testing. It also provides annual units of service (UOS) limits.

Clinical drug testing is used in pain management and in substance abuse screening and treatment programs. The testing may be used to detect prescribed, therapeutic drugs, prescription drugs of abuse, illicit drugs, and/or other substances such as nicotine.

Presumptive drug testing, also known as drug screening, is used when necessary to determine the presence or absence of drugs or a Drug Class. Results are expressed as negative or positive. The methodology is considered when coding presumptive procedures. Per CPT guidelines each presumptive drug testing code represents all drug and Drug Class tests performed by the respective methodology per date of service. The test is a single per patient service that should only be reported once irrespective of the number of Drug Class procedures or results on any date of service.

Definitive drug testing, also known as confirmation testing, is used when it is necessary to identify specific medications, illicit substances and metabolites. Definitive urine drug test (UDT) reports the results of drugs absent or present in concentrations of ng/ml. Definitive drug testing is qualitative or quantitative to identify possible use or non-use of a drug. These tests identify specific drugs and associated metabolites. A presumptive drug test is not required to be provided prior to a definitive drug test.

Some examples of drugs or a Drug Class that are commonly assayed by presumptive tests, followed by definitive testing are: alcohols, amphetamines, barbiturates/sedatives, benzodiazepines, cocaine and metabolites, methadone, antihistamines, stimulants, opioid analgesics, salicylates, cardiovascular drugs, antipsychotics, and cyclic antidepressants.

In accordance with the code descriptions and the CPT and CMS guidelines, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will only allow one drug test within the presumptive Drug Class and one drug test within the definitive Drug Class per date of service by the same or different provider.

Per Louisiana state regulations, presumptive drug testing codes 80305, 80306 and 80307 are limited to 24 annual DOS per calendar year. Definitive drug testing codes G0480 and G0481 are limited to 18 annual DOS per calendar year.

Specimen Validity Testing to assure that a specimen has not been compromised or that a test has not been adulterated may be required. However, Specimen Validity Testing is included in the presumptive and definitive drug testing CPT and HCPCS code descriptions and is considered a quality control which is an integral part of the collection process and is not separately reimbursable. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will deny Specimen Validity Testing when performed on the same date of service as a presumptive and/or definitive drug test by the same or different provider. A modifier may be appropriate when a service commonly used for Specimen Validity Testing is performed distinctly separate from the drug test service and the documentation supports the service was not related to the drug testing.

Drug testing services that are determined to be court ordered and/or funded by a county, state, or federal agency will

continue to be denied. For additional information refer to the Services and Modifiers Not Reimbursable to Healthcare Professionals Policy.

Definitions

Drug Class	A group of drugs that have the same chemical structure, work in the same way and/or are used for the same purpose.
Proprietary Laboratory Analysis (PLA) Codes	Describe proprietary clinical laboratory analysis and can be provided either by a single ("sole-source") laboratory or licensed or marketed to multiple providing laboratories (eg, cleared or approved by the Food and Drug Administration [FDA]). These codes include advanced diagnostic laboratory tests (ADLTs) and clinical diagnostic laboratory tests (CDLTs) as defined under the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA) of 2014.
Specimen Validity Testing	Generally pertains to urine specimen testing to ensure that the sample has not been adulterated or substituted. It may be applicable to other types of specimens.

Questions and Answers

1	<p>Q: Will UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimburse more than one presumptive and/or one definitive drug test on the same date of service if a modifier is appended?</p> <p>A: No, each of the presumptive and definitive drug codes define a single manual or automated laboratory service that is reported once per day, per patient, irrespective of the number of Drug Classes, sample validations, or Specimen Validity Tests performed related to that service on any date of service. In accordance with the CPT and CMS guidelines UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will not reimburse more than one presumptive and/or one definitive drug test per day regardless of the number of billing providers.</p>
2	<p>Q: Will UnitedHealthcare Community Plan reimburse a urinalysis performed by a primary care physician for a suspected urinary infection on the same day that the patient's alcohol and drug counselor performed a urine drug screening test?</p> <p>A: Yes, if the urinalysis is appended with an appropriate modifier to identify the test was distinctly separate and not related to the drug testing as a Specimen Validity Test. The records must also support that the urinalysis performed was not for Specimen Validity Testing and the modifier was appropriately reported.</p>
3	<p>Q: What is the difference between Presumptive and Definitive testing?</p> <p>A: A presumptive test is one used to identify possible use or non-use of a drug or Drug Class. Presumptive tests are not definitive. They only screen for the presence of a compound. A definitive or confirmation test is one that uses instrument analysis to positively identify the presence or quantity of a drug.</p>
4	<p>Q: If multiple presumptive and/or definitive drug tests are submitted on the same date of service will each one count towards the 24 annual limit?</p> <p>A: No, only one presumptive and/or one definitive is reimbursable per day, therefore only the reimbursed code will count toward the annual limit of 18 presumptive and/or 18 definitive tests.</p>

Presumptive Codes

80305	Drug test(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes, any number of devices or procedures (eg, immunoassay); capable of being read by direct optical observation only (eg, dipsticks, cups, cards, cartridges) includes sample validation when performed, per date of service
80306	Drug test(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes, any number of devices or procedures (eg, immunoassay); read by instrument assisted direct optical observation (eg, dipsticks, cups, cards, cartridges), includes sample validation when performed, per date of service

80307	Drug test(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes, any number of devices or procedures, by instrument chemistry analyzers (eg, utilizing immunoassay [eg, EIA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA, IA, KIMS, RIA]), chromatography (eg, GC HPLC), and mass spectrometry either with or without chromatography, (eg, DART, DESI, GC-MS, GC-MS/MS, LC-MS, LC-MS/MS, LTD, MALDI, TOF) includes sample validation when performed, per date of service
Definitive Codes	
G0480	Drug test(s), definitive, utilizing (1) drug identification methods able to identify individual drugs and distinguish between structural isomers (but not necessarily stereoisomers) including, but not limited to, GC/MS (any type, single or tandem) and LC/MS (any type, single or tandem and excluding immunoassays (e.g., IA, EIA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA) and enzymatic methods (e.g., alcohol dehydrogenase)); (2) stable isotope or other universally recognized internal standards in all samples (e.g. to control for matrix effects, interferences and variations in signal strength); and (3) method or drug-specific calibration and matrix-matched quality control material (e.g., to control for instrument variations and mass spectral drift); qualitative or quantitative, all sources, includes specimen validity testing, per day; 1-7 drug class(es), including metabolite(s) if performed.
G0481	Drug test(s), definitive, utilizing (1) drug identification methods able to identify individual drugs and distinguish between structural isomers (but not necessarily stereoisomers) including, but not limited to, GC/MS (any type, single or tandem) and LC/MS (any type, single or tandem and excluding immunoassays (e.g., IA, EIA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA) and enzymatic methods (e.g., alcohol dehydrogenase)); (2) stable isotope or other universally recognized internal standards in all samples (e.g., to control for matrix effects, interferences and variations in signal strength); and (3) method or drug-specific calibration and matrix-matched quality control material (e.g., to control for instrument variations and mass spectral drift); qualitative or quantitative, all sources, includes specimen validity testing, per day; 8-14 drug class(es), including metabolite(s) if performed.

Attachments: Please right-click on the icon to open the file.

 Specimen Validity Testing Codes List.xls	A List of Codes Used for Specimen Validity Testing
UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Specimen Validity Testing Codes List	

Resources

Individual state Medicaid regulations, manuals & fee schedules

American Medical Association, *Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®)* and associated publications and services

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS)

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System, HCPCS Release and Code Sets

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) publications

History

5/27/2020	Reimbursement Guidelines section: Added verbiage previously referenced in state exceptions section as "Per Louisiana state regulations, presumptive drug testing codes 80305, 80306, 80307,
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	<p><u>and H0003 are limited to 24 annual DOS per calendar year. Definitive drug testing codes G0480 and G0481 are limited to 18 annual DOS per calendar year."</u></p> <p><u>State Exceptions section: Removed state exceptions grid, including all state exceptions previously referenced</u></p> <p><u>Attachments section: Updated UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Specimen Validity Testing Codes List excel file, updated UnitedHealthcare Community Plan CPT Definitive Drug Classes Codes excel file</u></p> <p><u>History section: Entries prior to 2/25/2020 archived</u></p>
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