Molecular Genetic Pathology Lab Codes

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Mission

The Georgia Department of Community Health

We will provide Georgians with access to affordable, quality health care through effective planning, purchasing and oversight.

We are dedicated to A Healthy Georgia.
Genetic testing falls into three major categories:

1. **Biochemical Genetic Testing**: Newborn errors of metabolism. State mandated testing of 38 genetic tests.

2. **Cytogenetics Testing**: Generally chromosomal conditions that are needed for testing to receive medically necessary interventions.

3. **Molecular Genetic Testing**: Single or multi-genes testing for a diagnosis and medical treatment plan.
• Stacking genetic lab codes were terminated by CMS December 31, 2012.

• New molecular genetic pathology lab codes effective January 1, 2013.

• Major quandary for healthcare industry with new genetic lab pathology codes.

• No crosswalk of old stacking codes to the new genetic pathology lab codes.
Prothrombin - F2 Gene Analysis,
20210>A Variant

Old stacking lab codes (5 indiv. tests)

2012 CPT Codes
83892, 83894, 83898, 83912, 83891

2013 New Genetic CPT Code
81240
Cystic Fibrosis Gene Analysis (CF97)

Old stacking lab codes (6 indiv. tests)

2012 CPT Codes
83891, 83900, 83912, 83892x2, 83914x97
83901x21

2013 New Genetic CPT Code
81220
DCH Considerations:

1. Immediate need to address newborn genetic tests that are mandated by GA law (ages 0 < 21 years).

2. Genetic tests that GA Medicaid paid under the 2012 stacking codes that now need to be identified to their new genetic pathology lab codes for adult members (> age 21 years).

3. Concerns of new genomic tests coming on the market for coverage and payment.
Several new genetic tests that DCH has been approached to consider coverage:


2. **Oncotype DX** for breast cancer gene markers – unlisted genetic CPT 84999 or use CPT S3854 for specific tracking of utilization and costs.
Questions?