

TECHNICAL BULLETIN

JULY 2023

BILLING CPT CODE UPDATES

COVID CPT's UPDATED

The COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) ended on May 11, 2023. For this reason, insurance will no longer reimburse for rapid 48-hour turn-around-time and all U codes have been discontinued. CPT Codes have been modified accordingly.

CPT CODES UTILIZED DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY –THESE CODES WERE DEACTIVATED EFFECTIVE MAY 11, 2023:

U0005 Rapid TAT 48 Hours

U0003 SARS-Cov-2 High Throughput

The codes have been revised as follows:

4970 SARS-COV-2 RNA by PCR (NAA) - CPT 87635

4981 SALIVADIRECT SARS-COV02 RNA BY DUAL-PLEX RT-QPCR - CPT 87635

ADDITIONAL CPT CODE UPDATES:

7639 Candida Vaginitis Panel by Real-Time PCR CPT 87481x5

550 Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis Panel

CPT 86331x3, 86606x2

10237 Autoimmune Encephalitis Extended Panel, Serum CPT 83519, 86052, 86341, 86362, 86255x9; If reflexed add 86256 per titer

1606 Lipid Panel w/ Reflex to Direct LDL CPT 80061; If reflexed add 83721

TEST CHANGES

The following tests are now performed in-house:

1694 PSA Free & Total

1.0 mL (0.5 mL) Serum

Specimen Stability: Separate serum from cells within 3 hours of collection.

Refrigerated 7 days. Frozen 5 months.

Performed Mon-Fri.

9340 PSA Ultrasensitive

1.0 mL (0.5 mL) Serum

Specimen Stability: Separate serum from cells within 3 hours of collection.

Refrigerated 7 days. Frozen 5 months.

Performed Mon-Fri.

59 Erythropoietin

1.0 mL (0.5 mL) Serum

Specimen Stability: Ambient 8 hours. Refrigerated 1 day. Frozen Indefinitely.

Performed Tuesday and Friday.

8204 Antimullerian Hormone (AMH)

1.0 mL (0.5 mL) Serum

Specimen Stability: Ambient 8 hours. Refrigerated 1 day. Frozen Indefinitely.

Performed Tuesday and Friday.

10345 Respiratory Pathogens Panel by PCR #10345 – EFFECTIVE 07/17/2023

Physicians Laboratory will start performing test #10345 Respiratory Pathogens Panel in-house on July 10, 2023. This testing is not covered by insurance and will only be performed if the charges are billed back to the Physician's facility "Client Bill" or a signed Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) is signed by the patient. This profile will include:

Adenovirus, Coronavirus 229E, Coronavirus HKU1, Coronavirus NL63, Coronavirus OC43, SARS-CoV-2, Human Metapneumovirus A/B, Influenza A, Influenza A H1, Influenza A H3, Influenza A H1N1/pdm09, Influenza B, Parainfluenza virus 1, Parainfluenza virus 2, Parainfluenza virus 3, Parainfluenza virus 4, Rhinovirus/Enterovirus, Respiratory Syncytial Virus A/B, SARS-CoV-2, *Bordetella pertussis, Chlamydia (Chlamydophila) pneumoniae*, and *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*.

Specimen: Nasopharyngeal Swab in UTM

CPT Code: 87633

Stability: Room Temp 4 hours. Refrigerated 72 hours. Frozen 30 days.

Performed: Daily

Additional Test Changes:

1606 Lipid Panel w/ Reflex to Direct LDL

This test previously automatically included the Direct LDL; however, this has now been changed to reflex. Medical necessity requirements state that it is not necessary to obtain a Lipid Panel (80061) and a measured LDL-cholesterol (83721) on the same day unless the serum triglyceride level is greater than 400mg/dL. For this reason, test 1606 was changed to reflex only when meeting this requirement.

NEW TEST CODES:

The following tests have been built into our LIS. Specimen requirements can be found on our test directory at physlab.com. For those of our clients that have bi-directional interfaces, if you plan on ordering any of these tests, please make sure these order codes are added to your system.

- 10365 Leukotriene E4, 24HR Urine
- 10366 Alpha Globin (HBA1, HBA2) Sequencing and Deletion/Duplication **Requires Preauthorization/ABN**
- 10367 Anti C1q Antibody, IgG
- 10368 Brivaracetam Quantitative, Serum or Plasma
- 7759 JAK2 Exon 12 Mutation Analysis by PCR **Requires Preauthorization/ABN**
- 10369 Lymphocyte Subset Panel 5 Total Lymphocyte Enumeration
- 10370 Toxoplasma gondii by PCR
- 10371 Procollagen Type 1 Intact N-Terminal Propeptide
- 10372 Tick-Borne Disease Panel by PCR
- 10374 Interleukin 17, Serum
- 10009 SSA 52 and 60 (Ro)(ENA) Antibodies
- 10375 IGHV Mutation Analysis by Sequencing **Requires Preauthorization/ABN**
- 10376 Interleukin 1 beta, Serum
- 10377 Meningitis/Encephalitis Panel by PCR **Requires Preauthorization/ABN**
- 10378 Cytokine Panel 13, Serum
- 10379 Porphobilinogen (PBG), Urine
- 10380 Vedolizumab Quantitation with Abs
- 10381 Human Herpesvirus 6 (HHV-6A/HHV-6B) by Quant PCR