

**Policy: MP239**

**Section: Medical Benefit Policy**

**Subject: Pharmacogenetic Testing**

**I. Policy:** Pharmacogenetic Testing

**II. Purpose/Objective:**

To provide a policy of coverage regarding Pharmacogenetic Testing

**III. Responsibility:**

- A. Medical Directors
- B. Medical Management Department

**IV. Required Definitions**

1. Attachment – a supporting document that is developed and maintained by the policy writer or department requiring/authoring the policy.
2. Exhibit – a supporting document developed and maintained in a department other than the department requiring/authoring the policy.
3. Devised – the date the policy was implemented.
4. Revised – the date of every revision to the policy, including typographical and grammatical changes.
5. Reviewed – the date documenting the annual review if the policy has no revisions necessary.

**V. Additional Definitions**

Medical Necessity or Medically Necessary means Covered Services rendered by a Health Care Provider that the Plan determines are:

- a. appropriate for the symptoms and diagnosis or treatment of the Member's condition, illness, disease or injury;
- b. provided for the diagnosis, and the direct care and treatment of the Member's condition, illness disease or injury;
- c. in accordance with current standards of good medical treatment practiced by the general medical community;
- d. not primarily for the convenience of the Member, or the Member's Health Care Provider; and the most appropriate source or level of service that can safely be provided to the Member. When applied to hospitalization, this further means that the Member requires acute care as an inpatient due to the nature of the services rendered or the Member's condition, and the Member cannot receive safe or adequate care as an outpatient.

**Medicaid Business Segment**

Medical Necessity shall mean a service or benefit that is compensable under the Medical Assistance Program and if it meets any one of the following standards:

- (i) the service or benefit will, or is reasonably expected to, prevent the onset of an illness, condition or disability.
- (ii) the service or benefit will, or is reasonably expected to, reduce or ameliorate the physical, mental or development effects of an illness, condition, injury or disability.
- (iii) the service or benefit will assist the Member to achieve or maintain maximum functional capacity in performing daily activities, taking into account both the functional capacity of the Member and those functional capacities that are appropriate for members of the same age.

## INDICATIONS:

Pharmacogenetic testing is considered to be medically necessary when the identification of a specific gene marker is noted to be clinically necessary before initiation of therapy by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as noted in the Indications section of the prescribing information. Examples include, but are not limited to any of the following:

- K-RAS for cetuximab (Erbix) and/or panitumumab (vectibix)
- BRAF for vemurafenib (Zelboraf)
- CTFR for ivacaftor (Kalydeco) or lumacaftor/ivacaftor (Orkambi)
- EGFR for cetuximab (Erbix) and/or afatinib dimaleate (Gilotrif)
- HER2/neu for trastuzumab (Herceptin) and/or lapatinib (Tykerb)
- Genotype 1 chronic hepatitis C for teleprevir (Incivik)
- ER for fulvestrant (Faslodex)
- GBA for velaglucerase alfa
- BCR/ABL1 for dasatinib, imatinib, nilotinib, ponatinib and/or bosutinib
- PDL1 for pembrolizumab (Keytruda)
- HLA-B\*5701 for Abacavir (Ziagen)
- HLA-B\*1502 for persons of Asian ancestry prior to carbamazepine (Tegretol)
- ALK for crizotinib (Xalkori) or ceritinib (Zykadia)
- TPMT gene mutation or phenotypic assay for 6-mercaptopurine or azathioprine therapy (**See MP311 for additional information**)
- MGMT gene methylation assay for temozolomide (Temodar)
- NS3 Q80K for simeprevir (Olysio)

Generally, pharmacogenetic testing such as mutation analysis or genotyping is considered to be medical necessary when:

- The member is a candidate for a targeted therapy as noted above; and
- The testing methodology used to investigate and identify the genetic mutation or biomarker has been proven to be clinically valid and analytically valid; and
- The test result has been proven to have clinical utility and will have a direct impact on the decision making and/or the member's clinical outcome.

## MEDICARE BUSINESS SEGMENT:

Pharmacogenomic testing for warfarin metabolism is eligible for coverage once per patient lifetime, corresponding to CYP2C9 and VKORC1 genotypes, respectively. Alleles CYP2C9 and VKORC1 for warfarin dosing are coverable per NCD 90.1 via coverage with evidence development. (<http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/ncddetails.aspx?NCDId=333&ncdver=1&bc=BAAAgAAAAAA&>)

Pharmacogenomic testing of CYP2C19 for clopidogrel metabolism is eligible for coverage in individuals with acute coronary syndrome undergoing a percutaneous coronary intervention who are initiating or re-initiating clopidogrel therapy.

Pharmacogenomic testing of CYP2D6 is eligible for coverage in individuals in whom:

- Amitriptyline or nortriptyline is initiated for depressive disorder; or
- Tetrabenazine dosing greater than 50 mg/day

## MEDICAID BUSINESS SEGMENT:

Pharmacogenomic testing of CYP2C19 for clopidogrel metabolism is eligible for coverage as an Option 2 program exception once per patient lifetime when the request for this test is for an insured individual with documented moderate to high risk for an acute coronary event.

## EXCLUSIONS:

Unless otherwise mandated, the Plan does **NOT** provide coverage for the use of the following pharmacogenetic testing because they are considered experimental, investigational or unproven. The Geisinger Technology Assessment Committee evaluated this technology and concluded that there is insufficient evidence in the peer-reviewed published medical literature to establish the effectiveness of this test on health outcomes when compared to established tests or technologies.

- CYP2D6 gene mutation for any of the following
  - Opioid analgesics
  - Antidepressants for treatment of depression (including SSRI's) (**not applicable to Medicare**)
  - Anti-psychotics for treatment of schizophrenia

- Tamoxifen resistance
- DYPD gene mutation for capecitabine or 5-fluorouracil
- CYP2C9 for warfarin metabolism **(not applicable to Medicare/Medicaid)**
- VKORC1 for warfarin metabolism **(not applicable to Medicare/Medicaid)**
- CYP1A2
- CYP3A4
- CYP3A5
- CYP2B6
- OPRM1 (μ-opioid receptor)
- OPRK1 (κ-opioid receptor)
- DRD1 (dopamine receptor)
- DRD2 (dopamine receptor)
- DRD4 (dopamine receptor)
- DAT1 or SLC6A3 (dopamine transporter)
- DBH (dopamine beta-hydroxylase)
- SLCO1B1 genotyping to improve statin prescribing and patient adherence
- TYMS (thymidylate synthetase) (eg, 5-fluorouracil/5-FU drug metabolism)
- IFNL3 (prediction of virological response to pegylated-interferon-alpha and ribavirin combination therapy)
- MTHFR (5, 10-methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase) (eg, hereditary hypercoagulability) gene analysis
- HTR2A (eg, citalopram metabolism) gene analysis, common variants
- HTR2C (eg, citalopram metabolism) gene analysis, common variants
- UGT1A1 for irinotecan treatment
- UGT2B15 (uridine diphosphate glycosyltransferase 2 family, member 15)
- COMT (catechol-O-methyl-transferase)
- CYP2C19 for any of the following:
  - Clopidogrel resistance **(covered for Medicare in individuals with acute coronary syndrome. May be considered for program exception for the MA business segment as noted above)**
  - Antidepressants
  - Barbiturates
  - Proton pump inhibitors
  - Mephenytoin

Unless otherwise mandated, the Plan does NOT provide coverage for the use of any of the following pharmacogenetic testing panels because they are considered experimental, investigational or unproven:

- AIBioTech CardioloGene Genetic Panel
- AIBioTech Pain Management Panel
- AIBioTech PsychiaGene Genetic Panel
- AIBioTech Urologene Panel
- GeneSight ADHD
- GeneSight Psychotropic
- GeneSight Analgesic
- Genecept Assay
- SureGene Test for Antipsychotic and Antidepressant Response
- Millenium Pharmacogenetic Testing
- Proove Drug Metabolism Panel
- Proove Narcotic Risk Assay
- YouScript Panel
- PharmaRisk Basic
- PharmaRisk Psychiatric Panel
- Molecular Testing Labs Psychotropic Medication Panel
- Physicians Choice Laboratory Services Pharmacogenetic Testing
- NeuroIDGenetics
- CardioIDGenetics
- OnDose testing to allow area under the curve (AUC)-targeted 5-fluorouracil dosing
- OneOme RightMed Pharmacogenomic Test

Note: A complete description of the process by which a given technology or service is evaluated and determined to be experimental, investigational or unproven services is outlined in **MP 15 - Experimental Investigational or Unproven Services**

or Treatment.

**CODING ASSOCIATED WITH:** Pharmacogenetic Testing

**The following codes are included below for informational purposes and may not be all inclusive. Inclusion of a procedure or device code(s) does not constitute or imply coverage nor does it imply or guarantee provider reimbursement. Coverage is determined by the member specific benefit plan document and any applicable laws regarding coverage of specific services. Please note that per Medicare coverage rules, only specific CPT/HCPCS Codes may be covered for the Medicare Business Segment. Please consult the CMS website at [www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov) or the local Medicare Administrative Carrier (MAC) for more information on Medicare coverage and coding requirements.**

- G9143 Warfarin responsiveness testing by genetic technique using any method, any number of specimen(s)
- 81220 CFTR (cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator) (eg, cystic fibrosis) gene analysis; common variants (eg, ACMG/ACOG guidelines)
- 81221 (cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator) (eg, cystic fibrosis) gene analysis; known familial variants
- 81222 (cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator) (eg, cystic fibrosis) gene analysis; duplication/deletion variants
- 81227 CYP2C9 gene analysis, common variants
- 81225 CYP2C19 gene analysis, common variants
- 81355 VKORC1 gene analysis, common variants
- 81226 CYP2D6 (cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily D, polypeptide 6) (eg, drug metabolism), gene analysis, common variants
- 81235 EGFR (epidermal growth factor receptor) (eg, non-small cell lung cancer) gene analysis, common variants (eg, exon 19 LREA deletion, L858R, T790M, G719A, G719S, L861Q)
- 81245 FLT3 (fms-related tyrosine kinase 3) (eg, acute myeloid leukemia), gene analysis; internal tandem duplication (ITD) variants (ie, exons 14, 15)
- 81246 FLT3 (fms-related tyrosine kinase 3) (eg, acute myeloid leukemia), gene analysis; tyrosine kinase domain (TKD) variants (eg, D835, I836)
- 81288 MLH1 (mutL homolog 1, colon cancer, nonpolyposis type 2) (eg, hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer, lynch syndrome) gene analysis; promoter methylation analysis
- 81371 HLA class I and II typing, low resolution (eg, antigen equivalents); HLA-A, -B, and -DRB1 (eg, verification typing)
- 81376 HLA class II typing, low resolution (eg, antigen equivalents); one locus (eg, HLA-DRB1, -DRB3/4/5, -DQB1, -DQA1, -DPB1, or -DPA1), each
- 81381 HLA class I typing, high resolution (ie, alleles or allele groups); one allele or allele group (eg, B\*57:O1P), each
- 81276 KRAS (kristen rat sarcome viral oncogene homolog) (eg, carcinoma) gene analysis; additional variant(s) (eg, codon 61, codon 146)
- 81275 KRAS (v-Ki-ras2 Kirsten rat sarcoma viral oncogene) (eg, carcinoma) gene analysis, variants in codons 12 and 13
- 81287 MGMT (O-6-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase) (eg, glioblastoma multiforme), methylation analysis
- 81350 UGT1A1 (UDP glucuronosyltransferase 1 family, polypeptide A1) (eg, irinotecan metabolism), gene analysis, common variants
- 81381 HLA Class I typing, high resolution (ie, alleles or allele groups); 1 allele or allele group (eg, B\*57:O1P), each
- 81400-81408
- 81210 BRAF (v-raf murine sarcoma viral oncogene homolog B1) (eg, colon cancer), gene analysis, V600E variant
- 81240 F2 (prothrombin, coagulation factor II) (eg, hereditary hypercoagulability) gene analysis, 20210G>A variant
- 81241 F5 (coagulation factor V) (eg, hereditary hypercoagulability) gene analysis, leiden variant
- 81291 MTHFR (5, 10-methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase) (eg, hereditary hypercoagulability) gene analysis, common variants (eg, 677T, 1298C)
- 82172 apolipoprotein, each
- 82777 galectin-3
- 81283 IFNL3 interferon lambda, gene analysis
- 81328 SLCO1B1 solute carrier organic anion transporter family, member 1B1
- 81335 TPMT (thiopurine S-methyltransferase, gene analysis, common variants
- 81346 TYMS (thymidylate synthase, gene analysis (eg, 5-FU drug metabolism)
- 81232 DPYD dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase gene analysis
- 81230 CYP3A4 gene analysis
- 81231 CYP3A5 gene analysis
- 84431 Thromboxane metabolite(s), including thromboxane if performed, urine
- 86352 cellular function assay involving stimulation (eg, mitogen or antigen) and detection of biomarker (eg, ATP)
- S3722
- 81479 NAT 2
- 81479 CYP1A2
- 81479 5HTT

81479 Serotonin Transporter genotyping  
81479 Mu 1 Opioid Receptor genotyping  
82542 Column chromatography, includes mass spectrometry, if performed  
82657 Enzyme activity in blood cells, cultured cells or tissue, not elsewhere specified, nonradioactive substrate, each Specimen  
0028U CYP2D6 (cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily D, polypeptide 6) (eg, drug metabolism) gene analysis, copy number variants, common variants with reflex to targeted sequence analysis  
0029U Drug metabolism (adverse drug reactions and drug response), targeted sequence analysis (ie, CYP1A2, CYP2C19, CYP2C9, CYP2D6, CYP3A4, CYP3A5, CYP4F2, SLCO1B1, VKORC1 and rs12777823)  
0031U CYP1A2 (cytochrome P450 family 1, subfamily A, member 2)(eg, drug metabolism) gene analysis, common variants (ie, \*1F, \*1K, \*6, \*7)  
0032U COMT (catechol-O-methyltransferase) (drug metabolism) gene analysis, c.472G>A (rs4680) variant

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#### **LINE OF BUSINESS:**

**Eligibility and contract specific benefits, limitations and/or exclusions will apply. Coverage statements found in the line of business specific benefit document will supersede this policy. For Medicare, applicable LCD's and NCD's will supercede this policy. For PA Medicaid Business segment, this policy applies as written.**

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