

Medical Coverage Policy | Genetic Testing



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OVERVIEW

Genetic testing is a technique used to identify people at risk for a specific genetic disease, predict the possibility of future genetic disease, or to determine the risk for transmitting such a disease to their offspring. Testing may also be used as part of the process to identify, confirm, or predict the possibility of a specific medical condition and develop a treatment plan.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Prior authorization is required for BlueCHiP for Medicare and recommended for all other products.

POLICY STATEMENT

BlueCHiP for Medicare and Commercial:

Requests for genetic testing should be obtained via the BCBSRI online preauthorization tool which is available only to BCBSRI participating providers. All other providers need to contact Utilization Management at the number below:

<https://www.bcbsri.com/BCBSRIWeb/Login.do?redirectTo=/providers/preauth/preauthProviderOverview.jsp>

Genetic Testing is considered medically necessary when the criteria in the online authorization tool has been met.

If a Genetic Test or family is not found in the online authorization tool, please fax request to our Utilization Management at 401-272-8885.

MEDICAL CRITERIA

As defined in online authorization tool:

<https://www.bcbsri.com/BCBSRIWeb/Login.do?redirectTo=/providers/preauth/preauthProviderOverview.jsp>

BACKGROUND

Not Applicable.

COVERAGE

BlueCHiP for Medicare and Commercial:

Benefits may vary between groups/contracts. Please refer to the Evidence of Coverage, Subscriber Agreement, or Benefit Booklet for applicable genetic testing coverage/benefits.

CODING

BlueCHiP for Medicare and Commercial:

The following codes require Prior Authorization

Genetic testing CPT codes:

81200 – 81479, 81504, 81507, 81508, 81599, 84999

Genetic Testing HCPCS codes:

S3840, S3844, S3845, S3846, S3849, S3850, S3852, S3854, S3866

RELATED POLICIES

Newborn Metabolic, Endocrine and Hemoglobinopathy and Newborn Hearing Loss Screening Programs Mandate

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REFERENCES

Not Applicable.

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