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Re: Reimbursement policy update: Nucleic Acid Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Panel Edits effective May 18, 2020

At a glance

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We routinely review our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies for potential updates. In that review, we take into consideration one or more of the following: evidence-based medicine, professional society recommendations, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance, industry standards, and our other existing policies.

As a result of a recent review, we will rebundle Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes used to bill for individual tests that comprise a Nucleic Acid Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) laboratory panel into a single panel code. Accordingly, the claim will be processed and reimbursed using the CPT panel code. The Genetic Testing Panels Reimbursement Policy (R28) includes a list of current CPT panel codes. This update is effective for claims processed on or after May 18, 2020.

Additional information

For more information about our policies, please visit the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website at CignaforHCP.com (Resources > Coverage Policies > Policy Updates).

If you are not a registered user, please register so you may log in and access all of our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies. Go to CignaforHCP.com and click "Register Now." If you do not have Internet access or would like additional information, please call Cigna Customer Service at 800.88Cigna (882.4462).

Thank you for the care you provide our customers.

Sincerely,

J B Kessel MD

Julie B. Kessel, MD

- We will rebundle CPT codes used to bill for individual tests that comprise a nucleic acid sexually transmitted diseases (STD) laboratory panel into a single panel code.
- Submitted claims will be processed and reimbursed using the appropriate CPT panel code.
- For additional information, refer to the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website (CignaforHCP.com), or call Cigna Customer Service at 800.88Cigna (882.4462).

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