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DRUG TEST(S), DEFINITIVE, UTILIZING (1) DRUG IDENTIFICATION METHODS ABLE TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL DRUGS AND DISTINGUISH BETWEEN STRUCTURAL ISOMERS (BUT NOT NECESSARILY STEREOISOMERS), INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO GC/MS (ANY TYPE, SINGLE OR TANDEM) AND LC/MS (ANY TYPE, SINGLE OR TANDEM AND EXCLUDING IMMUNOASSAYS (E.G., IA, EIA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA) AND ENZYMATIC METHODS (E.G., ALCOHOL DEHYDROGENASE)), (2) STABLE ISOTOPE OR OTHER UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED INTERNAL STANDARDS IN ALL SAMPLES (E.G., TO CONTROL FOR MATRIX EFFECTS, INTERFERENCES AND VARIATIONS IN SIGNAL STRENGTH), AND (3) METHOD OR DRUG-SPECIFIC CALIBRATION AND MATRIX-MATCHED QUALITY CONTROL MATERIAL (E.G., TO CONTROL FOR INSTRUMENT VARIATIONS AND MASS SPECTRAL DRIFT); QUALITATIVE OR QUANTITATIVE, ALL SOURCES, INCLUDES SPECIMEN VALIDITY TESTING, PER DAY; 8-14 DRUG CLASS(ES), INCLUDING METABOLITE(S) IF PERFORMED

Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System

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G0481 Drug test(s), definitive, utilizing (1) drug identification methods able to identify individual drugs and distinguish between structural isomers (but not necessarily stereoisomers), including, but not limited to gc/ms (any type, single or tandem) and lc/ms (any type, single or tandem and excluding immunoassays (e.g., ia, eia, elisa, emit, fpia) and enzymatic methods (e.g., alcohol dehydrogenase)), (2) stable isotope or other universally recognized internal standards in all samples (e.g., to control for matrix effects, interferences and variations in signal strength), and (3) method or drug-specific calibration and matrix-matched quality control material (e.g., to control for instrument variations and mass spectral drift); qualitative or quantitative, all sources, includes specimen validity testing, per day; 8-14 drug class(es), including metabolite(s) if performed

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Code Description	Drug test(s), definitive, utilizing (1) drug identification methods able to identify individual drugs and distinguish between structural isomers (but not necessarily stereoisomers), including, but not limited to gc/ms (any type, single or tandem) and lc/ms (any type, single or tandem and excluding immunoassays (e.g., ia, eia, elisa, emit, fpia) and enzymatic methods (e.g., alcohol dehydrogenase)), (2) stable isotope or other universally recognized internal standards in all samples (e.g., to control for matrix effects, interferences and variations in signal strength), and (3) method or drug-specific calibration and matrix-matched quality control material (e.g., to control for instrument variations and mass spectral drift); qualitative or quantitative, all sources, includes specimen validity testing, per day; 8-14 drug class(es), including metabolite(s) if performed	Contains all text of procedure or modifier long descriptions. As of 2013, this field contains the consumer friendly descriptions for the AMA CPT codes. The AMA owns the copyright on the CPT codes and descriptions; CPT codes and descriptions are not public property and must always be used in compliance with copyright law.
Short Description	Drug test def 8-14 classes	Short descriptive text of procedure or modifier code (28 characters or less). The AMA owns the copyright on the CPT codes and descriptions; CPT codes and descriptions are not public property and must always be used in compliance with copyright law.
Pricing Indicator Code #1	21	Code used to identify the appropriate methodology for developing unique pricing amounts under part B. A procedure may have one to four pricing codes.
Pricing Indicator Code #1 Description	Price subject to national limitation amount. Clinical Lab Fee Schedule	Description of Pricing Indicator Code #1
Multiple Pricing Indicator Code	A	Code used to identify instances where a procedure could be priced under multiple methodologies.

Multiple Pricing Indicator Code Description	Not applicable as HCPCS priced under one methodology	HCPCS Multiple Pricing Indicator Code Description
Lab Certification Code #1	340	Code used to classify laboratory procedures according to the specialty certification categories listed by CMS. Any generally certified laboratory (e.g., 100) may perform any of the tests in its subgroups (e.g., 110, 120, etc.).
Lab Certification Code #1 Description	Chemistry. Toxicology	Description of HCPCS Lab Certification Code #1
Coverage Code	C	A code denoting Medicare coverage status.
Coverage Code Description	Carrier judgment	HCPCS Coverage Code Description
Berenson-Eggers Type Of Service Code	T1H	This field is valid beginning with 2003 data. The Berenson-Eggers Type of Service (BETOS) for the procedure code based on generally agreed upon clinically meaningful groupings of procedures and services.
Berenson-Eggers Type Of Service Code Description	Lab tests - other (non-Medicare fee schedule)	HCPCS Berenson-Eggers Type Of Service Code Description
Type Of Service Code #1	5	The carrier assigned CMS type of service which describes the particular kind(s) of service represented by the procedure code.
Type Of Service Code #1 Description	Diagnostic laboratory	Description of HCPCS Type Of Service Code #1
Anesthesia Base Unit Quantity	0	The base unit represents the level of intensity for anesthesia procedure services that reflects all activities except time. These activities include usual preoperative and post-operative visits, the administration of fluids and/or blood incident to anesthesia care, and monitering procedures. **** NOTE: **** The payment amount for anesthesia services is based on a calculation using base unit, time units, and the conversion factor.
Code Added Date	20160101	The year the HCPCS code was added to the Healthcare common procedure coding system.
Action Effective Date	20170101	Effective date of action to a procedure or modifier code
Action Code	N	A code denoting the change made to a procedure or modifier code within the HCPCS system.
Action Code Description	No maintenance for this code	HCPCS Action Code Description
Status	Actual	
Last Update Date	2026	

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