

Drug Testing Policy

Healthfirst aims to ensure that our policy standards are up to date and are compliant with state and national industry standards. Effective **February 1, 2021**, Healthfirst has limited the reimbursement of drug testing as follows:

- Consistent with industry standards, NY State Medicaid Regulations, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), Healthfirst has limited the reimbursement of definitive (confirmatory) drug testing to a maximum of **14 drugs/drug classes per date of service**.
- Presumptive testing should not exceed one (1) unit per date of service up to 18 units per year (12 months), submitted by any provider.
- Definitive testing may be billed once per date of service up to a maximum of six (6) times per year and will be covered only under specific circumstances. Only substances that return positive or inconclusive results are reimbursable for confirmation testing.
- Medical records must substantiate that each test ordered will impact treatment and must acknowledge receipt and consideration of prior test results, along with appropriate intervention.
- Blanket orders (i.e., routine standing orders for all patients in a physician's practice) and broad panel reflex tests are not considered reasonable and necessary, and therefore are not covered.

NY State Medicaid Regulations and CMS policy outline clear testing frequency limitations. ASAM states that the ethical use of drug testing requires that the scope of the analyte panel and the frequency of testing be medically justified. Under consideration of the patient's history, only selected analyte panels should be ordered.

To view the CPT HCPCS codes, click on each of the following links:

- [CPT Codes for Presumptive Testing](#)
- [CPT/HCPCS Codes for Definitive Testing](#)

If you have any questions, contact your Network Account Manager, or call Provider Services at **1-888-801-1660**, Monday to Friday, 8:30am–5:30pm.

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CPT Codes for Presumptive Testing

CPT Codes	CPT Description
80305	Drug test(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes, any number of devices or procedures; capable of being read by direct optical observation only (e.g., utilizing immunoassay [e.g., dipsticks, cups, cards, or cartridges]), includes sample validation when performed per date of service.
80306	Drug test(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes, any number of devices or procedures; read by instrument assisted direct optical observation (e.g., utilizing immunoassay [e.g., dipsticks, cups, cards, or cartridges]), includes sample validation when performed per date of service.
80307	Drug test(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes, any number of devices or procedures; by instrument chemistry analyzers (e.g., utilizing immunoassay [e.g., EIA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA, IA, KIMS, RIA]), chromatography (e.g., GC, HPLC), and mass spectrometry either with or without chromatography, (e.g., DART, DESI, GC-MS, GC-MS/MS, LC-MS, LC-MS/MS, LDTD, MALDI, TOF), includes sample validation when performed per date of service.

CPT/HCPCS Codes for Definitive Testing

CPT Codes	CPT Description
80320	Alcohol
80321–80322	Alcohol Biomarkers
80323	Alkaloids, not otherwise specified
80324–80326	Amphetamines
80327–80328	Anabolic steroids
80329–80331	Analgesics, non-opioid
80332–80334	Antidepressants, serotonergic class
80335–80337	Antidepressants, Trylic and other cyclicals
80338	Antidepressants, not otherwise specified
80339–80341	Antiepileptics, not otherwise specified
80342–80344	Antipsychotics, not otherwise specified
80345	Barbiturates
80346–80347	Benzodiazepines
80348	Buprenorphine

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80349	Cannabinoids, natural
80350–80352	Cannabinoids, synthetic
80353	Cocaine
80354	Fentanyls
80355	Gabapentin, non-blood
80356	Heroin metabolite
80357	Ketamine and Norketamine
80358	Methadone
80359	Methylenedioxyamphetamines
80360	Methylphenidate
80361	Opiates, 1 or more
80362	Opioids and opiate analogs; 1 or 2
80363	Opioids and opiate analogs; 3 or 4
80364	Opioids and opiate analogs; 5 or more
80365	Oxycodone
80366	Pregabalin
80367	Propoxyphene
80368	Sedative Hypnotics
80369	Skeletal muscle relaxants; 1 or 2
80370	Stimulants, synthetic
80371	Stimulants, synthetic
80372	Tapentadol
80373	Tramadol
80374	Stereoisomer (enantiomer) analysis, single drug class
80375	Drug(s) or substance(s), definitive, qualitative, or quantitative, not otherwise specified; 1–3
80376	Drug(s) or substance(s), definitive, qualitative, or quantitative, not otherwise specified; 4–6
80377	Drug(s) or substance(s), definitive, qualitative, or quantitative, not otherwise specified; 7 or more
G0480	Drug test(s), definitive, utilizing 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); qualitative or quantitative, all sources, includes specimen validity testing, per day, 1–7 drug classes(es), including metabolite(s) if performed.

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G0481	Drug test(s), definitive, utilizing 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); qualitative or quantitative, all sources, includes specimen validity testing, per day, 8–14 drug classes(es), including metabolite(s) if performed.
G0482	Drug test(s), definitive, utilizing 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); qualitative or quantitative, all sources, includes specimen validity testing, per day, 15–21 drug classes(es), including metabolite(s) if performed.
G0483	Drug test(s), definitive, utilizing 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); qualitative or quantitative, all sources, includes specimen validity testing, per day, 22 or more drug classes(es), including metabolite(s) if performed.

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