

New reimbursement policy for outpatient laboratory services

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2019, all clinical and anatomic laboratory services not performed in a physician's office must be sent to Quest Diagnostics, LabCorp or a participating independent reference laboratory.

Amerigroup Community Care is implementing a payment policy for outpatient laboratory services to ensure these services are performed in the most appropriate setting. In many cases, a hospital should not be the laboratory of reference.

All outpatient laboratory tests must be sent to a participating independent reference laboratory or be performed at a *Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment*-certified participating physician's office. However, the following exceptions apply:

- Laboratory services rendered in an emergency room setting
- Laboratory services rendered in conjunction with ambulatory surgery services (revenue codes 0360-0369, 0481, 0490-0499, 0720-0729, 0750-0759 and 0790-0799)
- Laboratory services rendered in conjunction with observation services (revenue codes 0760-0769)
- Laboratory service billed with certain chemotherapy, obstetric and sickle cell diagnoses (C000-C969, O000-O82, D5700-D57819, Z5111)
- STAT labs identified in the STAT lab CPT® codes table (See the following page.)

If you have questions, please contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.

STAT lab CPT codes

CPT code	Description	CPT code	Description	CPT code	Description
80047-80048	Basic metabolic panel	81003	Urinalysis, dip stick/tablet reagent; automated, without microscopy	84520	Urea nitrogen; quantitative
80051	Electrolyte panel	81025	Urine pregnancy test	84702	Gonadotropin, chorionic (hcg); quantitative
80076	Hepatic function panel	82140	Ammonia	84703	Gonadotropin, chorionic (hcg); qualitative
80156	Assay of carbamazepine; total	82150	Amylase	85025	Blood count; complete cbc, automated
80162	Assay of digoxin	82247	Bilirubin; total	85027	Blood count; complete cbc, automated
80198	Assay of theophylline	82310	Calcium; total	85032	Blood count; manual cell (erythrocyte, leukocyte, or platelet), each
80200	Assay of tobramycin	82375	Carboxyhemoglobin; quantitative	85044	Blood count; reticulocyte, manual
80164	Assay of dipropylacetic acid (valproic acid)	82550	Creatine kinase, Cpk; total	85045	Blood count; reticulocyte, automated
80178	Assay of lithium	82565	Creatinine; blood	85049	Blood count; platelet, automated
80184	Assay of phenobarbital	82670	Estradiol	85384	Fibrinogen; activity
80185	Assay of phenytoin; total	82947	Glucose; quantitative, blood (except reagent strip)	85610	Prothrombin time
80192	Assay of procainamide; with metabolites	83045	Hemoglobin; methemoglobin, qualitative	85651	Sedimentation rate, erythrocyte; non-automated
80194	Assay of quinidine	83050	Hemoglobin; methemoglobin, quantitative	85730	Thromboplastin time, partial (ptt); plasma/whole blood
80329	Analgesics, nonopioid; one or two	83690	Lipase	86308	Heterophile antibodies; screening

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81000	Urinalysis, dip stick/tablet reagent; nonautomated with microscopy	83735	Magnesium	87205	Smear, primary source with interpretation
81001	Urinalysis, dip stick/tablet reagent; automated without microscopy	84132	Potassium; serum, plasma or whole blood		