

Provider Update

Clarification: Somatic care physician payment responsibility for basic drug screening lab test

Summary of change: The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) recently clarified Managed Care Organization (MCO) payment responsibility for the basic drug screening lab test (G0434) billed by somatic care physicians. For dates of service beginning January 1, 2015, Amerigroup Community Care will reimburse physicians for this lab test when performed in a physician office by a CLIA certified lab.

★ **What this means to you:** Amerigroup will reimburse physicians who conduct the basic drug screening lab test (G0434) performed in a physician office in a CLIA certified lab.

If I previously submitted a claim for a basic drug screening lab test and it was denied, do I need to resubmit the claim?

No, you do not need to resubmit your claim for this lab test if you previously received a denial of payment from Amerigroup. Amerigroup will automatically reprocess denied claims for this lab test back to January 1, 2015, for Amerigroup eligible members. In the future, you should submit your claim to Amerigroup for the basic drug screening lab test for Amerigroup members.

Please note that Behavioral Health providers, including physicians who are credentialed to prescribe buprenorphine, will still be reimbursed by Value Options.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication, you can call your local Provider Relations representative or the Provider Services Unit at 1-800-454-3730.



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