



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA 2012-47

December 27, 2012

Re: Molecular Pathology CPT Coding Changes and Prior Authorization

Dear Providers:

Beginning January 1, 2013, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will be discontinuing the use of the "stacked" molecular pathology CPT codes 83890-83914 and 88384-88386 and activating the 2012-2013 molecular pathology CPT codes 81200-81479. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority will no longer reimburse for molecular pathology services using the "stacked" CPT codes and will require molecular pathology claims to be submitted using the newly activated CPT codes.

Also beginning January 1, 2013, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority will require prior authorization (PA) for the following CPT codes:

- 81222 (CFTR Gene Analysis, Duplication/Deletion Variants);
- 81223 (CFTR Gene Analysis, Full Gene Sequence);
- 81280 (Long QT Syndrome Gene Analysis, Full Sequence Analysis); and
- 81282 (Long QT Syndrome Gene Analysis, Duplication/Deletion Variants).

OHCA requires the submission of all of the following documents for prior authorization review:

- HCA-13A Prior Authorization Form Cover Sheet;
- HCA-12A Prior Authorization Form; and
- Objective clinical records supporting the medical necessity of the request.

Several of the new molecular pathology codes will not be covered services at this time due to insufficient evidence supporting an impact on outcomes. The codes not covered include 81225, 81226, 81227, 81240, 81241, 81263, 81291, 81350, and 81355. OHCA will be periodically reevaluating all molecular pathology codes to determine the appropriateness of coverage and/or utilization management.

If you have any questions regarding PA forms and documentation, please contact OHCA Medical Authorization Unit at 1-800-522-0114. If you have questions regarding the transition to the 2012-2013 molecular pathology CPT codes, please contact Alison Martinez, Ph.D., Medical Professional Services Geneticist, at alison.martinez@okhca.org.

Thank you for your continued support and the services you provide to SoonerCare members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard J. Pallotta".

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