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Re: Molecular Pathology Prior Authorization

Dear Provider:

Beginning July 1, 2014, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) will require prior authorization (PA) for the following molecular pathology (MolPath) CPT codes:

- 81200: ASPA (e.g., Canavan disease) gene analysis, common variants
- 81205: BCKDHB (e.g., Maple syrup urine disease) gene analysis, common variants
- 81209: BLM (e.g., Bloom syndrome) gene analysis, 2281del6ins7 variant
- 81242: FANCC (e.g., Fanconi anemia, type C) gene analysis, common variant
- 81243: FMR1 (e.g., Fragile X) gene analysis; evaluation to detect expanded alleles
- 81250: G6PC (e.g., Glycogen storage disease, Type 1a) gene analysis, common variants
- 81251: GBA (e.g., Gaucher disease) gene analysis, common variants
- 81255: HEXA (e.g., Tay-Sachs disease) gene analysis, common variants
- 81260: IKBKAP (e.g., familial dysautonomia) gene analysis, common variants
- 81290: MCOLN1 (e.g., Mucolipidosis, type IV) gene analysis, common variants
- 81330: SMPD1 (e.g., Niemann-Pick disease, Type A) gene analysis, common variants

The following documents must be submitted for PA review:

1. HCA-13A PA Form Cover Sheet (sheet not required for web submissions with uploaded documents)
2. HCA-12A PA Form
3. Objective clinical records supporting the medical necessity of the request

The OHCA considers the use of the tests described above to be medically necessary for diagnostic purposes when members display clinical features of conditions caused by these genes. As a reminder, the OHCA does not consider carrier screening in the general population to be medically necessary. The only exception is routine Cystic Fibrosis carrier screening based on the 23-mutation panel recommended by ACOG/ACMG. A link to the provider message (dated 08/08/2013) which addresses coverage of carrier screening can be found on the OHCA’s genetic testing webpage: www.okhca.org/gt.

If you have any questions regarding PA forms and documentation, please contact the OHCA’s Medical Authorization Unit at 1-800-522-0114. For questions about the OHCA’s coverage of MolPath CPT codes, please e-mail Alison Martinez, Ph.D., at alison.martinez@okhca.org.

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Sincerely,

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