

Genetic Testing—Pre-Treatment or Post-Intervention

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Purpose:

This policy addresses genetic testing for the prevention diagnosis and treatment of various conditions.

Description & Definitions:

Autosomal recessive: A genetic condition that appears only in individuals who have received two copies of an autosomal gene, one copy from each parent. The gene is on an autosome, a nonsex chromosome. The parents are carriers who have only one copy of the gene and do not exhibit the trait because the gene is recessive to its normal counterpart gene

X-linked recessive inheritance - hereditary pattern in which a recessive gene on the X chromosome results in the manifestation of characteristics in male offspring and a carrier state in female offspring.

Criteria:

Genetic Testing is considered **medically necessary** for the prevention diagnosis and treatment of patients who meet **All** of the following:

- There is an approved mutation specific treatment available
- There is sufficient Published Scientific Evidence or 3rd party Consensus in the Medical Community that the results of the specific genetic testing improves clinical outcomes
- After completion of a thorough history, physical examination, pedigree analysis, genetic counseling, relevant diagnostic and biochemical tests (if any), the patient meets criteria for **1 or more** of the following approved tests:
 - **HPV DNA** is covered without criteria
 - **Factor V Leiden** is covered without criteria.
 - **Prothrombin/Factor II Gene Mutation Analysis** is covered without criteria.
 - **PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) Testing for Hepatitis C or B** is covered without criteria or Pre-Authorization. – May also be addressed by Avalon
 - **Thiopurine S-Methyltransferase (TPMT)** is covered without criteria.
 - **Fabry Disease** is medical necessary for individual **genetic** female on a case by case basis and requires Medical Director approval.
 - **Hemophilia A (Factor VIII) or Hemophilia B (Factor IX)** is covered when **All** of the following are met: (81238)

- The individual displays clinical features, or is at direct risk of inheritance;
- The result of the test will directly impact the treatment being delivered to the individual
- After history, physical examination, and completion of conventional diagnostic studies (e.g. Factor VIII, Factor IX levels), a definitive diagnosis remains uncertain
- **Aplastic Anemia (FISH) fluorescence in situ hybridization** is covered without criteria.
- **HLA-B27** is medically necessary when used to rule out autoimmune disorders.
- **Hereditary Hemochromatosis** - HFE gene testing may be indicated when **ALL** of the following are present:
 - Diagnosis or screening of HFE-hereditary hemochromatosis, as indicated by **1 or more** of the following
 - Confirmation of diagnosis in adult with clinical suspicion of HFE-related hemochromatosis, as indicated by **1 or more** of the following:
 - Transferrin-iron saturation higher than 45%
 - Serum ferritin above upper limit of normal, and other more common causes of elevated ferritin (eg, acute inflammation, alcohol abuse, metabolic syndrome) have been evaluated with inconclusive results
 - Unexplained chronic liver disease combined with increased transferrin saturation
 - Porphyria cutanea tarda
 - Chondrocalcinosis
 - Hepatocellular carcinoma
 - Late-onset type 1 diabetes;
 - Screening of siblings or parents of individual homozygous for C282Y mutation
 - Screening of reproductive partner of individual with HFE- related hemochromatosis
 - Testing is accompanied by genetic counseling
- **HLA haplotype testing to detect genes specific to Celiac disease** are considered medically necessary for patients suspected of having the disease but who have indeterminate serology and/or inconclusive biopsy results (examples include Prometheus HLA-DQA1, HLA-DQB1, HLA-DQ2, HLA-DQ8 testing) are covered without medical review.
- **Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) Genetic Testing** for individuals with inconclusive screening results from an immune function test or T cell and B cell counts considered eligible for transplant to confirm diagnosis.
- **HLA-A29 Uveitis - HLA I TYPING ALLELE HR** screening will be paid upon request when ordered to rule out or confirm Birdshot chorioretinopathy (BSCR), a rare form of autoimmune posterior uveitis that affects visual function that if left untreated can lead to sight-threatening complications and loss of central vision

The following tests are considered **not medically necessary** for any use other than those indication in the clinical criteria, to include but not limited to:

- Acute Porphyria: HMBS, CPOX, PPOX genes
- Alport gene testing; (COL4A3 and COL4A4)
- Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome Complement Panel
- Autoimmune lymphoproliferative syndrome ALPS and FAS gene testing;
- BetaGlobin analysis;
- BIRC4 test is testing for X-linked lymphoproliferative syndrome (XLP), caused by alterations, also known as "mutations," at a specific area within an individual's genetic information.
- CLCN1 DNA Sequencing Test for Myotonia congenital;
- Charcot Marie Tooth is not medically necessary;
- deCODE T2™, is not medically necessary
- deCODE Glaucoma test, is not medically necessary
- Idiopathic Hypercalcemia of Infancy (CYP24A1 gene)
- IFNL3 & IFNL4 Gene Analysis Associated with Hepatitis C Virus Clearance (**81400**)
- Kennedy's disease (KD) or X-linked spinal and bulbar muscular atrophy (SBMA) or spinobulbar muscular atrophy or X-Linked bulbo-spinal atrophy.
- Lactose intolerance (Prometheus Lab LactoType);
- MaculaRisk PGx

- MTHFR (5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase) (eg, hereditary hypercoagulability) gene analysis, common variants (eg, 677T, 1298C) **(81291)**
- Narcolepsy gene testing DRB1*15, DQA1*0102, and DQB1*0602
- Porphyria cutanea tarda: UROD gene
- PROMETHEUS Crohn's Prognostic **(81599)**
- PROMETHEUS IBD sgi Diagnostic
- Prometheus Thiopurine Metabolites
- Proove Narcotic Risk, Drug Metabolism and Pain Perception Profiles **(81225, 81226, 81227)**
- Repeat/Duplicative genetic testing
- Transforming Growth Factor Beta-Induced (TGFBI) **(81333)**
- Whole Exome Sequencing **(WES)** all indications,
- Exome Sequence Analysis **(81415, 81416, 81417)**
- Whole-genome sequencing in which a member's entire DNA is sequenced,
- Genome Sequence Analysis **(81425, 81426, 81427)**

Coding:

Medically necessary with criteria:

Coding	Description
81240	F2 (prothrombin, coagulation factor II) (eg, hereditary hypercoagulability) gene analysis, 20210G>A variant
81241	F5 (coagulation factor V) (eg, hereditary hypercoagulability) gene analysis, Leiden variant
81256	HFE (hemochromatosis) (eg, hereditary hemochromatosis) gene analysis, common variants (eg, C282Y, H63D)
81381	HLA Class I typing, high resolution (ie, alleles or allele groups); one allele or allele group (eg, B*57:01P), each
81383	HLA Class II typing, high resolution (ie, alleles or allele groups); one allele or allele group (eg, HLA-DQB1*06:02P), each
81400	Molecular pathology procedure, Level 1 (eg, identification of single germline variant [eg, SNP] by techniques such as restriction enzyme digestion or melt curve analysis)
81404	Molecular pathology procedure, Level 5 (eg, analysis of 2-5 exons by DNA sequence analysis, mutation scanning or duplication/deletion variants of 6-10 exons, or characterization of a dynamic mutation disorder/triplet repeat by Southern blot analysis)
81479	Unlisted molecular pathology procedure
85245	Clotting; factor VIII, VW factor, ristocetin cofactor
85246	Clotting; factor VIII, VW factor antigen
85247	Clotting; factor VIII, von Willebrand factor, multimeric analysis
85250	Clotting; factor IX (PTC or Christmas)
81238	F9 (coagulation factor IX) (eg, hemophilia B), full gene sequence
81599	Unlisted multianalyte assay with algorithmic analysis

Considered Not Medically Necessary:

Coding	Description
81225	CYP2C19 (cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily C, polypeptide 19) (eg, drug metabolism), gene analysis, common variants (eg, *2, *3, *4, *8, *17)

81226	CYP2D6 (cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily D, polypeptide 6) (eg, drug metabolism), gene analysis, common variants (eg, *2, *3, *4, *5, *6, *9, *10, *17, *19, *29, *35, *41, *1XN, *2XN, *4XN)
81227	CYP2C9 (cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily C, polypeptide 9) (eg, drug metabolism), gene analysis, common variants (eg, *2, *3, *5, *6)
81291	MTHFR (5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase) (eg, hereditary hypercoagulability) gene analysis, common variants (eg, 677T, 1298C)
81333	TGFBI (transforming growth factor beta-induced) (eg, corneal dystrophy) gene analysis, common variants (eg, R124H, R124C, R124L, R555W, R555Q)
81415	Exome (eg, unexplained constitutional or heritable disorder or syndrome); sequence analysis
81416	Exome (eg, unexplained constitutional or heritable disorder or syndrome); sequence analysis, each comparator exome (eg, parents, siblings) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
81417	Exome (eg, unexplained constitutional or heritable disorder or syndrome); re-evaluation of previously obtained exome sequence (eg, updated knowledge or unrelated condition/syndrome)
81425	Genome (eg, unexplained constitutional or heritable disorder or syndrome); sequence analysis
81426	Genome (eg, unexplained constitutional or heritable disorder or syndrome); sequence analysis, each comparator genome (eg, parents, siblings) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
81427	Genome (eg, unexplained constitutional or heritable disorder or syndrome); re-evaluation of previously obtained genome sequence (eg, updated knowledge or unrelated condition/syndrome)

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Special Notes: *

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