



# PROVIDER ALERT

## Drug Testing Policy, Code and Utilization Management Update

September 1, 2020

**Alert Summary:** This alert details updates to presumptive/qualitative drug tests administered in the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan, including code changes, rate changes, and the implementation of a threshold authorization process.

Dear Provider,

Effective October 1, 2020, Optum Idaho will implement the following updates to the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan (IBHP) benefit known as drug testing. These updates have been implemented to align with Medicaid's update to the Medicaid drug testing policy, published in the March 2020 MedicAide newsletter. Please see details related to the change in the IBHP below.

### Fee Schedule Changes

Effective October 1, 2020, **H0003 will no longer be a valid code to bill drug testing to Optum Idaho.** H0003 will be replaced by the CPT codes in the table below. An updated fee schedule will be distributed by your Provider Relations Advocate.

#### Drug Testing Codes

Code	Service	Rate
80305	Drug test(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes, any number of devices or procedures; capable of being read by direct optical observation only (eg, utilizing immunoassay [eg, dipsticks, cups, cards, or cartridges]), includes sample validation when performed, per date of service	\$12.11
80306	Drug test(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes, any number of devices or procedures; read by instrument assisted direct optical observation (eg, utilizing immunoassay [eg, dipsticks, cups, cards, or cartridges]), includes sample validation when performed, per date of service	\$16.16
80307	Drug test(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes, any number of devices or procedures; by instrument chemistry analyzers (eg, utilizing immunoassay [eg, EIA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA, IA, KIMS, RIA]), chromatography (eg, GC, HPLC), and mass spectrometry either with or without chromatography, (eg, DART, DESI, GC-MS, GC-MS/MS, LC-MS, LC-MS/MS, LDTD, MALDI, TOF) includes sample validation when performed, per date of service	\$64.65

### Authorization Changes

Effective October 1, 2020, Optum Idaho will reimburse up to 24 presumptive/qualitative drug tests per calendar year (January through December). Providers must request prior authorization via Optum's service request process for additional units beyond the initial 24 tests in a calendar year. These testing limits are inclusive of tests ordered through the IBHP or fee-for-service Medicaid claims reimbursed through DXC. All drug tests must meet medical necessity criteria. Tests utilized prior to October 1, 2020 will not count toward the threshold for the 2020 calendar year. Level of Care Guidelines are posted on [optumidaho.com](http://optumidaho.com) for provider review.

This policy does not apply to drug tests administered as part of a program billed as a bundle in the IBHP such as Intensive Outpatient, Partial Hospitalization, or Opioid Treatment Programs (to be implemented January 1, 2021). Drug tests administered in these programs are included in the bundled rate.

Thank you,  
The Optum Idaho Team