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Coverage and Reimbursement Guidelines for Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Code 81220

Effective for dates of service Jan. 1, 2012 and forward, CPT code 81220 cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) (e.g., cystic fibrosis) gene analysis; common variants) will be reimbursed by Louisiana Medicaid for infants less than one year of age. Previously denied claims due to the procedure code not being on file will be systematically recycled without any action required by the provider on the Remittance Advice of May 26, 2015.

The reimbursement for any lab testing that occurs during a recipient's inpatient hospitalization (at a recipient's birth or if hospitalized at a later date) is included in the per diem rate paid to the hospital by Medicaid. This includes CPT code 81220 when performed on hospitalized newborns immediately after birth. If a hospital contracts the services of an independent lab to perform lab services during a member's inpatient hospitalization, the hospital is responsible for payment of these services to the independent lab. The independent lab may not bill Medicaid directly for payment of these services.

Hospitals are allowed by Medicaid to contract with an independent laboratory for performance of outpatient laboratory services including CPT code 81220 when performed as a repeat screening for a newborn. When a hospital contracts with a freestanding laboratory for the performance of the technical service only, it is the responsibility of the hospital to pay the laboratory.

Current and static Medicaid Lab fee schedules have been updated to reflect this change in coverage. Please make the appropriate changes to your fee schedules and coverage criteria. It is the expectation of the Department that each plan recycle impacted claims from Jan. 1, 2012 forward without any action on behalf of the provider.

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