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CONCERT GENETIC TESTING: IDENTITY AND FORENSICS

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OVERVIEW

This policy addresses the use of tests for the confirmation of laboratory specimens.

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POLICY REFERENCE TABLE:

Coding Implications

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The tests, CPT codes, and ICD codes referenced in this policy are not comprehensive, and their inclusion does not represent a guarantee of coverage or non-coverage. Please see the [Concert Platform](#) for additional registered tests.

CRITERIA SECTIONS	EXAMPLE TESTS (LABS)	COMMON BILLING CODES	REF
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<u>Genetic Testing to Confirm the Identity of Laboratory Specimens</u>			
<u>Genetic Testing to Confirm the Identity of Laboratory Specimens</u>	Know Error DNA Specimen Provenance Assay (DSPAs) (Strand Diagnostics, LLC)	81265, 81266, 81479, C00.0-D49	1

RELATED POLICIES

This policy document provides criteria for identity and forensics. Please refer to:

- ***General Approach to Laboratory Testing*** for criteria related to identity and forensics that is not specifically discussed in this or another non-general policy.

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CRITERIA

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation[®] that the specific genetic testing noted below is **medically necessary** when meeting the related criteria:

GENETIC TESTING TO CONFIRM THE IDENTITY OF LABORATORY SPECIMENS

Genetic Testing to Confirm the Identity of Laboratory Specimens

- I. Current evidence does not support genetic testing to confirm the identity of laboratory specimens (e.g., know error), when billed separately, for all indications, because it is generally considered to be an existing component of the genetic testing process for quality assurance.

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RATIONALE

Genetic Testing to Confirm the Identity of Laboratory Specimens

National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)

None of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) guidelines currently recommend or address performing separate genetic testing to confirm the identity of laboratory specimens.

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Revision Date	Approval Date
New policy created. Criteria previously found in Concert Genetic Testing: Oncology: Molecular Analysis of Solid Tumors and Hematologic Malignancies. Review of criteria with no changes except to change the statement from noting the test is “investigational” to stating that “current evidence does not support.” Coding table and rationale updated.	11/25	12/25

REFERENCES

1. National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Biomarker Compendium. <https://www.nccn.org/professionals/biomarkers/content/>. Accessed 04/01/2024

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