

Reimbursement Policy Provider Newsletter Article

New Policy: Update

Drug Screen Testing

(Policy 19-001, effective 11/01/19)

The effective date of this policy has been updated from 10/1/19.

Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP (Medicare-Medicaid Plan) allows reimbursement for presumptive and definitive drug screening services. In certain circumstances, Amerigroup STAR+PLUS MMP allows reimbursement for presumptive drug testing by instrumented chemistry analyzers and definitive drug screening services for the same member provided on the same day by a reference laboratory.

Definitive drug testing may be done to confirm the results of a negative presumptive test or to identify substances when there is no presumptive test available. Provider documentation in the member's medical records should reflect that the test was properly ordered and support that the order was based on the result of the presumptive test.

In the event a reference lab (POS = 81) performs both presumptive and definitive tests on the same date of service, records should reflect that the ordering/treating provider issued a subsequent order for definitive testing based on the results of the presumptive tests.

For additional information, refer to the Drug Screen Testing reimbursement policy at <https://providers.amerigroup.com> > Quick Tools > Reimbursement Policies > [TX MMP](#).

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