

URINE DRUG SCREENS

Scope

This policy applies to:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kaiser Permanente Health Plan of Washington | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kaiser Permanente Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare | |

Policy

Original Effective Date: 10/01/2014

When benefits allow, Kaiser Permanente will reimburse for Presumptive Drug Screening when medically necessary.

[Presumptive Drug Screening](#) and/or [Definitive Drug Screening](#) is limited to one unit per date of service.

Unless otherwise indicated in member's benefits, Kaiser Permanente will not reimburse for employment or job drug screening, mandated drug testing (testing that has been requested by the courts), or drug screenings that are not medically necessary.

Billing/Coding Guidelines

All claims must be billed according to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines.

Policy Definitions

Presumptive Drug Screen Codes include: 80305-80307

Definitive Drug Screen Codes include: G0480, G0481, G0482, G0483, G0659

Prerequisite(s)

Not applicable

References

MLN Matters Number SE1105, [Medicare Drug Screen Testing](#) enacted 08/27/2012 and revised by CMS on 04/28/2016.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q1:** A provider submits a claim to Kaiser Permanente with multiple Presumptive Drug testing services on the same date of service. Will Kaiser Permanente pay for all testing submitted?
- A1:** No. Kaiser Permanente will reimburse one Presumptive Drug Screening done per day. If provider submits multiple claims, these may be retroactively reviewed for correct submission.
- Q2:** Provider submits a Presumptive Drug Screen with more than one unit. Will this claim be paid?
- A2:** No. Kaiser Permanente will not reimburse for Drug Screen (Presumptive or Definitive) submitted with more than one unit. The Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) guidelines do not allow for reimbursement when the units are greater than one.
- Q3:** A Provider submits a claim to Kaiser Permanente with one Definitive Drug Screen code and one unit. Will this claim be paid?
- A3:** Yes. Kaiser Permanente will process this claim to allow.
- Q4:** A member is receiving a Presumptive Drug screen for employment, will the claim be allowed?
- A4:** No. Unless member's contract indicates differently, Kaiser Permanente does not allow Drug Screening for employment, court ordered testing, or for reasons that are not considered medically necessary.

Revision History

04/25/2022 – Updated to correct hyperlinks and formatting

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