

FACT SHEET

Description

CPT Code 82306, Vitamin D Testing

Vitamin D is a hormone, synthesized by the skin and metabolized by the kidney to an active hormone, calcitriol. An excess of vitamin D may lead to hypercalcemia. Vitamin D deficiency may lead to a variety of disorders. This Fact Sheet identifies the indications and limitations of Medicare coverage and reimbursement for these services.

Limitations and Frequency of Testing

- Vitamin D testing may not be used for routine screening.
- Once a beneficiary has been shown to be vitamin D deficient, further testing is medically necessary only to ensure adequate replacement has been accomplished.
- Annual testing may be medically necessary to verify and validate adequate replacement has been accomplished.

Documentation Requirements for Testing

The patient's medical record should include but is not limited to:

- Ordering provider's assessment of the patient as it relates to the patient's complaint for that visit
- Relevant medical history
- Results of pertinent tests/procedures
- Signed and dated office visit record/operative report (Please note: All services ordered or rendered to Medicare beneficiaries must be signed.)

Appropriate Signatures

- Signature and credentials of person performing the service must meet CMS requirements
- Amendments/corrections/delayed entries are properly identified

For more information about signature requirements, please reference:

- CGS Signatures web page: <https://www.cgsmedicare.com/partb/mr/signatures.html>
- Signature Tips: <https://www.cgsmedicare.com/partb/cert/signatures.pdf>
- CMS MLN Fact Sheet, Complying with Medicare Signature Requirements: https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/signature_requirements_fact_sheet_icn905364.pdf
- CMS Medicare Program Integrity Manual (Pub. 100-08), chapter 3, section 3.3.2.4 – Signature Requirements: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/pim83c03.pdf>

Covered Indications

- Chronic kidney disease stage III or greater
- Osteoporosis
- Osteomalacia
- Osteopenia
- Hypocalcemia
- Hypercalcemia
- Hypercalciuria
- Hypoparathyroidism
- Hyperparathyroidism
- Malabsorption states
- Cirrhosis
- Hypervitaminosis D
- Obstructive jaundice
- Osteosclerosis/petrosis
- Rickets
- Low exposure to sunlight; and
- Vitamin D deficiency to monitor the efficacy of replacement therapy
- Obesity

Supporting Documentation

1. Beneficiary's name
2. Date of service (DOS)
3. Signed order or intent to order in medical record
4. Documentation from ordering provider supporting indication/medical necessity

This Fact Sheet is for informational purposes only and is not intended to guarantee payment for services, all services submitted to Medicare must meet Medical Necessity guidelines. The definition of "medically necessary" for Medicare purposes can be found in Section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act – Medical Necessity (http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title18/1862.htm).

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References

Internet-Only Manuals (IOMs)

- CMS Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-02), chapter 15, section 80.6: <https://www.cms.gov/regulations-and-guidance/guidance/manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>
- CMS Medicare Claims Processing Manual (Pub. 100-04), chapter 16: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c16.pdf>

Local Coverage Determination (LCD)

- Vitamin D Assay Testing (L33996): [https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=33996&ver=29&CtrctrSelected=239*1&Ctrctr=239&name=CGS+Administrators%2c+LLC+\(15101%2c+MAC+-+Part+A\)&DocType=2&LCtrctr=239*1&bc=AgACAACAIAAAAA&=](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=33996&ver=29&CtrctrSelected=239*1&Ctrctr=239&name=CGS+Administrators%2c+LLC+(15101%2c+MAC+-+Part+A)&DocType=2&LCtrctr=239*1&bc=AgACAACAIAAAAA&=)
- Billing and Coding: Vitamin D Assay Testing (A56798): [https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56798&ver=18&LCDId=33996&ContrId=239&ContrVer=1&CtrctrSelected=239*1&Ctrctr=239&name=CGS+Administrators%2c+LLC+\(15101%2c+MAC+-+Part+A\)&DocType=2&LCtrctr=239*1&bc=AgACAACAIEAAAA&=](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56798&ver=18&LCDId=33996&ContrId=239&ContrVer=1&CtrctrSelected=239*1&Ctrctr=239&name=CGS+Administrators%2c+LLC+(15101%2c+MAC+-+Part+A)&DocType=2&LCtrctr=239*1&bc=AgACAACAIEAAAA&=)

CMS MLN Fact Sheet

- Complying with Laboratory Services Documentation Requirements: <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/ProviderComplianceLabServices-Fact-Sheet-ICN909221.pdf>