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Laboratory Panels and Components

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DESCRIPTION:

Organ and disease-oriented panels are defined in the Pathology and Laboratory section of the CPT® Manual. These panels were developed for coding purposes and are listed with the defined components of each panel. This policy describes Florida Blue's reimbursement methodology for laboratory panel procedures and the individual component procedures.

REIMBURSEMENT INFORMATION:

When Florida Blue receives a claim for all of the individual laboratory procedures in a panel, those components will be bundled, and reimbursement will be based upon the appropriate panel code.

Florida Blue also considers an individual component code included in the reimbursement for the comprehensive panel code when reported on the same date of service by the same provider. CPT® guidelines also state, "Do not report two or more panel codes that include any of the same constituent tests performed from the same patient collection. If a group of tests overlaps two or more panels, report the panel that incorporates the greater number of tests to fulfill the code definition and report the remaining tests using individual test codes."

In addition, for reimbursement purposes, Florida Blue will bundle the individual component codes into the appropriate comprehensive panel code when the combined reimbursement for the individual component codes exceeds the reimbursement for the panel code. Panels and components for these codes are identified below.

The place of service code (POS) for all laboratory services should reflect the location where the laboratory specimen was collected, regardless of whether a global, technical, or professional component of the service is being billed.

For example:

- If the specimen is obtained in an independent laboratory or reference laboratory, POS 81 is reported.
- If the specimen is obtained in a facility setting, the appropriate facility POS is reported [e.g., POS 21 (inpatient hospital) or POS 22 (outpatient hospital)].
- If the specimen is obtained in an office/clinic or other non-facility setting, the appropriate non-facility POS is reported [e.g., POS 11 (office)].
- If the specimen is obtained in a laboratory setting maintained by another physician or other qualified health care professional in their office/clinic, POS code 99 for “Other Place of Service” is reported.

BILLING/CODING INFORMATION:

The following codes may be used to describe comprehensive Organ or Disease-Oriented Laboratory Panels and their components.

CPT® Coding

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| 80047 | Basic metabolic panel (Calcium, ionized) |
| | Components: |
| 82330 | Calcium, ionized |
| 82374 | Carbon dioxide (bicarbonate) |
| 82435 | Chloride |
| 82565 | Creatinine |
| 82947 | Glucose |
| 84132 | Potassium |
| 84295 | Sodium |
| 84520 | Urea Nitrogen (BUN) |

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| 80048 | Basic metabolic panel (Calcium, total) |
| | Components: |
| 82310 | Calcium, total |
| 82374 | Carbon dioxide (bicarbonate) |
| 82435 | Chloride |
| 82565 | Creatinine |
| 82947 | Glucose |
| 84132 | Potassium |
| 84295 | Sodium |
| 84520 | Urea Nitrogen (BUN) |

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| 80050 | General health panel |
| | Components: |
| 80053 | Comprehensive metabolic panel |
| 84443 | Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) |
| | Plus, one of the following CBC or combination of CBC components: |
| 85025 | Blood count; complete (CBC) automated (Hgb, Hct, RBC, WBC, and platelet count) and automated differential WBC count |
| 85027 + 85004 | Blood count; complete (CBC) automated (Hgb, Hct, RBC, WBC and platelet count) AND Blood count; automated differential WBC count |
| 85027 + 85007 | Blood count; complete (CBC) automated (Hgb, Hct, RBC, WBC and platelet count) AND Blood count; blood smear, microscopic examination with manual differential WBC count |
| 85027 + 85009 | Blood count; complete (CBC) automated (Hgb, Hct, RBC, WBC and platelet count) AND Blood count; manual differential WBC count, buffy coat |

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| 80051 | Electrolyte panel |
| | Components: |
| 82374 | Carbon dioxide (bicarbonate) |
| 82435 | Chloride |
| 84132 | Potassium |
| 84295 | Sodium |

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| 80053 | Comprehensive metabolic panel |
| | Components: |
| 82040 | Albumin |
| 82247 | Bilirubin, total |
| 82310 | Calcium, total |
| 82374 | Carbon dioxide (bicarbonate) |
| 82435 | Chloride |
| 82565 | Creatinine |
| 82947 | Glucose |
| 84075 | Phosphatase, alkaline |
| 84132 | Potassium |
| 84155 | Protein, total |
| 84295 | Sodium |
| 84460 | Transferase, alanine amino (ALT) (SGPT) |
| 84450 | Transferase, aspartate amino (AST) (SGOT) |
| 84520 | Urea Nitrogen (BUN) |

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| 80055 | Obstetric panel |
| | Components: |
| 87340 | Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) |
| 86762 | Antibody, rubella |
| 86592 | Syphilis test, non-treponemal antibody; qualitative (e.g., VDRL, RPR, ART) |
| 86850 | Antibody screen, RBC, each serum technique |
| 86900 | Blood typing, ABO |
| 86901 | Blood typing, Rh (D) |
| | Plus, one of the following CBC or combination of CBC components: |
| 85025 | Blood count; complete (CBC) automated (Hgb, Hct, RBC, WBC and platelet count) and automated differential WBC count |
| 85027 + 85004 | Blood count; complete (CBC) automated (Hgb, Hct, RBC, WBC and platelet count) AND Blood count; automated differential WBC count |
| 85027 + 85007 | Blood count; complete (CBC) automated (Hgb, Hct, RBC, WBC and platelet count) AND Blood count; blood smear, microscopic examination with manual differential WBC count |
| 85027 + 85009 | Blood count; complete (CBC) automated (Hgb, Hct, RBC, WBC and platelet count) AND Blood count; manual differential WBC count, buffy coat |

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| 80061 | Lipid panel |
| | Components: |
| 82465 | Cholesterol, serum, total |
| 83718 | Lipoprotein, direct measurement, high density cholesterol (HDL) |
| 84478 | Triglycerides |

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| 80069 | Renal function panel |
| | Components: |
| 82040 | Albumin |
| 82310 | Calcium, total |
| 82374 | Carbon dioxide (bicarbonate) |
| 82435 | Chloride |
| 82565 | Creatinine |
| 82947 | Glucose |
| 84100 | Phosphorus inorganic (phosphate) |
| 84132 | Potassium |
| 84295 | Sodium |
| 84520 | Urea Nitrogen (BUN) |

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| 80074 | Acute hepatitis panel |
| | Components: |
| 86709 | Hepatitis A antibody (HAAb), IgM antibody |
| 86705 | Hepatitis B core antibody (HBcAb), IgM antibody |
| 87340 | Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) |
| 86803 | Hepatitis C antibody |

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| 80076 | Hepatic function panel |
| | Components: |
| 82040 | Albumin |
| 82247 | Bilirubin, total |
| 82248 | Bilirubin, direct |
| 84075 | Phosphatase, alkaline |
| 84155 | Protein, total |
| 84460 | Transferase, alanine amino (ALT) (SGPT) |
| 84450 | Transferase, aspartate amino (AST) (SGOT) |

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| 80081 | Obstetric panel (includes HIV testing) |
| | Components: |
| 87340 | Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) |
| 87389 | HIV-1 antigen(s) with HIV-1 & HIV-2 antibodies, single result |
| 86762 | Antibody, rubella |
| 86592 | Syphilis test, non-treponemal antibody; qualitative (e.g., VDRL, RPR, ART) |
| 86850 | Antibody screen, RBC, each serum technique |
| 86900 | Blood typing, ABO |
| 86901 | Blood typing, Rh (D) |
| | Plus one of the following CBC or combination of CBC components: |
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RELATED MEDICAL COVERAGE GUIDELINES OR PAYMENT POLICIES:

N/A

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2. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value File at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/PFS-Relative-Value-Files.html>

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