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No Longer Covered: Respiratory Panel & Stool GI Pathogen Panel

Aloha Providers,

Effective immediately, the Respiratory Panel by FilmArray (Test 6439) and Stool GI Pathogen Panel PCR (Test 5600) will no longer be orderable on insurance billed patients (i.e. outpatients).

Many payors such as: Blue Cross/Blue shield, which includes Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA), and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have determined that these respiratory and GI Panels do not meet medical necessity when ordered on outpatients and will not cover these tests.

Organisms tested in these panels are listed below. Please order the individual tests when warranted.

Respiratory Panel by FilmArray (Test 6439, billing code: PLA 0202U)

Adenovirus, Coronavirus 229E, Coronavirus HKU1, Coronavirus NL63, Coronavirus OC43, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), Human Metapneumovirus, Human Rhinovirus/Enterovirus, Influenza A, Influenza A/H1, Influenza A/H1-2009, and Influenza A/H3, Influenza B, Parainfluenza Virus 1, Parainfluenza Virus 2, Parainfluenza Virus 3, Parainfluenza Virus 4, Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bordetella parapertussis, Bordetella pertussis, Chlamydia pneumoniae, Mycoplasma pneumoniae.

Stool GI Pathogen Panel PCR (Test 5600, billing code: CPT 87507):

Campylobacter species, Plesiomonas shigelloides, Salmonella species, Vibrio cholera & other Vibrio species, Yersinia enterocolitica, Enteroaggregative Escherichia coli (EAEC), Enteropathogenic Escherichia coli (EPEC), Enterotoxigenic Escherichia coli (ETEC), Shiga-like toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC), E.coli O157 serogroup, Shigella/Enteroinvasive Escherichia coli (EIEC), Cryptosporidium, Cyclospora cayetanensis, Entamoeba histolytica, Giardia lamblia, Adenovirus F 40/41, Astrovirus, Norovirus GI/GII, Rotavirus A, Sapovirus.

For assistance in finding the appropriate test order codes, please contact our Client Services Department at 808-589-5101. If you have any questions, please contact your DLS marketing representative.

Mahalo,
DLS Client Services

References:

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