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TO: Independent Clinical Laboratories Participating in MassHealth
FROM: Julian J. Harris M.D., Medicaid Director
RE: **Drug Screen/Quantitative Drug Test Claim Edit; Drug Screens Performed For Residential Monitoring**

**Drug Screen/
 Quantitative
 Drug Tests**

MassHealth has established new claim edits for quantitative drug tests billed on the same date of service (DOS) as a drug screen service effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2013.

Quantitative drug tests billed on the same DOS as a drug screen service will be denied with explanation of benefits (EOB) code 8304 (lab conflict w/each other on the same day).

Primary Procedure Codes	Secondary Procedure Codes	EOB Code/ Description
<p>G0431 – Drug screen, qualitative; multiple drug classes by high complexity test method (e.g., immunoassay, enzyme assay), per patient encounter</p> <p>and/or</p> <p>G0434 – Drug screen, other than chromatographic; any number of drug classes, by CLIA waived test or moderate complexity test, per patient encounter</p>	<p>80154 – Benzodiazepines</p> <p>80299 – Quantification of drug, not elsewhere specified</p> <p>82055 – Alcohol (ethanol), any specimen except breath</p> <p>82145 – Amphetamine or methamphetamine</p> <p>82205 – Barbituates, not elsewhere specified</p> <p>82520 – Cocaine or metabolite</p> <p>82570 – Creatinine; other source</p> <p>82575 – Creatinine; clearance</p> <p>83840 – Methadone</p> <p>83925 – Opiate(s), drug and metabolites, each procedure</p> <p>83992 – Phencyclidine</p>	<p>8304 – Lab conflict w/each other on the same day</p>

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**Drug Screen/
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Drug Tests**
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Confirmatory drug tests should be billed with HCPCS code 80102 (drug confirmation, each procedure). Providers must only perform confirmation tests for positive results from a drug screen service on an as-needed basis only when medically necessary. Providers should not bill for quantitative tests in lieu of drug screen services or as a routine supplement to drug screens.

**Residential Monitoring/
Sober Home Requests**

In accordance with 130 CMR 401.411, MassHealth does not pay for drug screen tests performed for residential monitoring purposes since that purpose does not satisfy the requirement that laboratory tests must be medically necessary. This includes requests signed by a MassHealth authorized prescriber, if the purpose of the test is to comply with a sober home's residential monitoring policy. Please note that sober homes do not meet the definition of an authorized prescriber, as defined in 130 CMR 401.402.

Laboratory Requests

Authorized prescribers must review requests for laboratory tests, which they sign to determine medical necessity as well as ensure the test meets all other relevant payment conditions listed under 130 CMR 450.000, 401.000, and 433.000, and any other applicable requirements.

The regulations referenced above are available online at www.mass.gov/masshealth by clicking on the *MassHealth Regulations* link under the *Publications* heading on the bottom right side of the MassHealth home page.

Providers are reminded that all laboratory services performed by independent clinical laboratories require a written request from an authorized prescriber as defined by 130 CMR 401.402. Laboratory requests must also meet the requirements listed under 130 CMR 401.416, which among other things establishes that standing order requests are limited to 30 days for services related to substance abuse testing and 180 days for all other laboratory services. All services should be medically necessary as defined by 130 CMR 450.204 and not be subject to 130 CMR 401.411 (noncovered services and payment limitations).

Questions

If you have any questions about the information in this bulletin, please contact MassHealth Customer Service at 1-800-841-2900, e-mail your inquiry to providersupport@mashealth.net, or fax your inquiry to 617-988-8974.
