



If a conflict arises between a Clinical Payment and Coding Policy (“CPCP”) and any plan document under which a member is entitled to Covered Services, the plan document will govern. If a conflict arises between a CPCP and any provider contract pursuant to which a provider participates in and/or provides Covered Services to eligible member(s) and/or plans, the provider contract will govern. “Plan documents” include, but are not limited to, Certificates of Health Care Benefits, benefit booklets, Summary Plan Descriptions, and other coverage documents. BCBSOK may use reasonable discretion interpreting and applying this policy to services being delivered in a particular case. BCBSOK has full and final discretionary authority for their interpretation and application to the extent provided under any applicable plan documents.

Providers are responsible for submission of accurate documentation of services performed. Providers are expected to submit claims for services rendered using valid code combinations from Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (“HIPAA”) approved code sets. Claims should be coded appropriately according to industry standard coding guidelines including, but not limited to: Uniform Billing (“UB”) Editor, American Medical Association (“AMA”), Current Procedural Terminology (“CPT®”), CPT® Assistant, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (“HCPCS”), ICD-10 CM and PCS, National Drug Codes (“NDC”), Diagnosis Related Group (“DRG”) guidelines, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”) National Correct Coding Initiative (“NCCI”) Policy Manual, CCI table edits and other CMS guidelines.

Claims are subject to the code edit protocols for services/procedures billed. Claim submissions are subject to claim review including but not limited to, any terms of benefit coverage, provider contract language, medical policies, clinical payment and coding policies as well as coding software logic. Upon request, the provider is urged to submit any additional documentation.

Erectile Dysfunction

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Description

BCBSOK has implemented certain lab management reimbursement criteria. Not all requirements apply to each product. Providers are urged to review Plan documents for eligible coverage for services rendered.

Reimbursement Information:

1. The following lab tests **may be reimbursable** in the diagnosis of erectile dysfunction:
 - a. Blood glucose (Fasting/HbA1c)
 - b. Complete blood count
 - c. Creatinine and Blood Urea Nitrogen
 - d. Hepatic panel
 - e. Lipid profile
 - f. Prostate specific antigen

- g. Serum testosterone (Total/Free or Bioavailable) (See **NOTE 1**)
 - h. Thyroid function studies
 - i. Urinalysis
2. The following tests for the diagnosis of erectile dysfunction **are not reimbursable**:
- a. Angiotensin-converting enzyme insertion/deletion polymorphism testing
 - b. Endothelial nitric oxide synthase polymorphism (4 VNTR, G894T, and T786C) testing for estimating risk of erectile dysfunction
 - c. Iron binding capacity
 - d. Prostatic acid phosphatase

NOTE 1: Due to considerable variability in serum total testosterone testing, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed a standardization program for total testosterone assays (Hormone Standardization [HoSt]/Testosterone). An assay certified by the CDC's HoSt/Testosterone program is standardized to within $\pm 6.4\%$ of the CDC total testosterone reference standard. It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that serum total testosterone testing be performed on an assay that has been certified by the CDC HoSt/Testosterone program (Bhasin et al., 2018). A list of CDC-certified assays is available on the HoSt website (CDC, 2020).

For guidance on hormonal testing in males, please refer to CPCPLAB09 Testosterone Testing

Procedure Codes

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| 80061, 80076, 81002, 81003, 81005, 81400, 81479, 82565, 82570, 82947, 83036, 83550, 84066, 84153, 84402, 84403, 84410, 84439, 84443, 84520, 84540, 85025, 85027 |

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