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Cytochrome P450 Genotype-Guided Treatment Strategy Corporate Medical Policy

File Name: Cytochrome P450 Genotype-Guided Treatment Strategy

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Description/Summary

The cytochrome P450 (CYP450) family is involved in the metabolism of many currently administered drugs, and genetic variants in cytochrome P450 are associated with altered metabolism of many drugs. Testing for cytochrome P450 variants may assist in selecting and dosing drugs affected by these genetic variants.

Policy

Coding Information

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Attachment I

When a service may be considered medically necessary

CYP2D6 genotyping to determine drug metabolizer status may be considered **medically necessary** for patients:

- With Gaucher disease being considered for treatment with eliglustat; OR
- With Huntington disease being considered for treatment with tetrabenazine in a dosage greater than 50 mg per day.

When a service is considered investigational

CYP450 genotyping for the purpose of aiding in the choice of drug or dose to increase efficacy and/or avoid toxicity for the following drugs is considered **investigational**, for all other indications. Investigational uses include the following:

- selection or dosage of codeine
- dosing of efavirenz and other antiretroviral therapies for HIV infection
- dosing of immunosuppressants for organ transplantation
- selection or dosing of β -blockers (eg, metoprolol)
- dosing and management of antitubercular medications.
- Dosing and managing warfarin
- Management of tamoxifen for women at high risk for, or with breast cancer
- Dosing and management of medication for treatment of mental health conditions

CYP450 genotyping for the purpose of aiding in the choice of clopidogrel vs alternative antiplatelet agents, or in decisions on the optimal dosing for clopidogrel, is considered **investigational**.

The use of genetic testing panels that include multiple CYP450 variants is considered **investigational**.

CYP450 genotyping is considered **investigational** for all other indications

Coding

There is specific CPT coding for this testing:

81225 CYP2C19 (*cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily C, polypeptide 19*) (eg, drug metabolism), gene analysis, common variants (eg, *2, *3, *4, *8, *17)

81226 CYP2D6 (*cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily D, polypeptide 6*) (eg, drug metabolism), gene analysis, common variants (eg, *2, *3, *4, *5, *6, *9, *10, *17, *19, *29, *35, *41, *1XN, *2XN, *4XN)

81227 CYP2C9 (*cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily C, polypeptide 9*) (eg, drug metabolism), gene analysis, common variants (eg, *2, *3, *5, *6).

There are also tier 2 CPT codes that include cytochrome P450 testing:

81230 CYP3A4 (*cytochrome P450 family 3 subfamily A member 4*) (eg, drug metabolism), gene analysis, common variant(s) (eg, *2, *22) (effective 01/01/18)

81231 CYP3A5 (cytochrome P450, family 3, subfamily A member 5) (eg, drug metabolism), gene analysis, common variants (eg, *2, *3, *4, *5, *6, *7) (effective 01/01/18)

81402 Molecular pathology procedure, Level 3 (eg, >10 SNPs, 2-10 methylated variants, or 2-10 somatic variants [typically using non-sequencing target variant analysis], immunoglobulin and T-cell receptor gene rearrangements, duplication/deletion variants of 1 exon, loss of heterozygosity [LOH], uniparental disomy [UPD]) includes - *CYP21A2* (cytochrome P450, family 21, subfamily A, polypeptide 2) (eg, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, 21-hydroxylase deficiency), common variants (eg, IVS2-13G, P30L, I172N, exon 6 mutation cluster [I235N, V236E, M238K], V281L, L307FfsX6, Q318X, R356W, P453S, G110VfsX21, 30- kb deletion variant)

81404 Molecular pathology procedure, Level 5 (eg, analysis of 2-5 exons by DNA sequence analysis, mutation scanning or duplication/deletion variants of 6-10 exons, or characterization of a dynamic mutation disorder/triplet repeat by Southern blot analysis) includes - *CYP1B1* (cytochrome P450, family 1, subfamily B, polypeptide 1) (eg, primary congenital glaucoma), full gene sequence

81405 Molecular pathology procedure, Level 6 (eg, analysis of 6-10 exons by DNA sequence analysis, mutation scanning or duplication/deletion variants of 11-25 exons, regionally targeted cytogenomic array analysis) includes - *CYP11B1* (cytochrome P450, family 11, subfamily B, polypeptide 1) (eg, congenital adrenal hyperplasia), full gene sequence *CYP17A1* (cytochrome P450, family 17, subfamily A, polypeptide 1) (eg, congenital adrenal hyperplasia), full gene sequence *CYP21A2* (cytochrome P450, family 21, subfamily A, polypeptide 2) (eg, steroid 21-hydroxylase isoform, congenital adrenal hyperplasia), full gene sequence.

PLA code effective January 1, 2018 include:

0029U Drug metabolism (adverse drug reactions and drug response), targeted sequence analysis (ie, CYP1A2, CYP2C19, CYP2C9, CYP2D6, CYP3A4, CYP3A5, CYP4F2, SLCO1B1, VKORC1 and rs12777823) (Focused Pharmacogenomics Panel)

0031U CYP1A2 (cytochrome P450 family 1, subfamily A, member 2)(eg, drug metabolism) gene analysis, common variants (ie, *1F, *1K, *6, *7) (Cytochrome P450 1A2 Genotype).

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Document Precedence

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont (BCBSVT) Medical Policies are developed to provide clinical guidance and are based on research of current medical literature and review of common medical practices in the treatment and diagnosis of disease. The applicable group/individual contract and member certificate language, or employer's benefit plan if an ASO group, determines benefits that are in effect at the time of service. Since medical practices and knowledge are constantly evolving, BCBSVT reserves the right to review and revise its medical policies periodically. To the extent that there may be any conflict between medical policy and contract/employer benefit plan language, the member's contract/employer benefit plan language takes precedence.

Audit Information

BCBSVT reserves the right to conduct audits on any provider and/or facility to ensure compliance with the guidelines stated in the medical policy. If an audit identifies instances of non-compliance with this medical policy, BCBSVT reserves the right to recoup all non-compliant payments.

Administrative and Contractual Guidance

Benefit Determination Guidance

Prior approval is required and benefits are subject to all terms, limitations and conditions of the subscriber contract.

Incomplete authorization requests may result in a delay of decision pending submission of missing information. To be considered complete, see policy guidelines above.

NEHP/ABNE members may have different benefits for services listed in this policy. To confirm benefits, please contact the customer service department at the member's health plan.

Federal Employee Program (FEP): Members may have different benefits that apply. For further information please contact FEP customer service or refer to the FEP Service Benefit Plan Brochure. It is important to verify the member's benefits prior to providing the service to determine if benefits are available or if there is a specific exclusion in the member's benefit.

Coverage varies according to the member's group or individual contract. Not all groups are required to follow the Vermont legislative mandates. Member Contract language takes precedence over medical policy when there is a conflict.

If the member receives benefits through an Administrative Services Only (ASO) group, benefits may vary or not apply. To verify benefit information, please refer to the member's employer benefit plan documents or contact the customer service department. Language in the employer benefit plan documents takes precedence over medical policy when there is a conflict.

Policy Implementation/Update information

05/2019	New Policy. Prior authorization required for codes: 81226, 0028U, 0029U.
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Eligible providers

Qualified healthcare professionals practicing within the scope of their license(s).

Approved by BCBSVT Medical Directors

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Attachment I

Code Type	Number	Brief Description	Policy Instructions
The following codes will be considered medically necessary if the above criteria is met.			

CPT®	81226	CYP2D6 (cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily D, polypeptide 6) (eg, drug metabolism), gene analysis, common variants (eg, *2, *3, *4, *5, *6, *9, *10, *17, *19, *29, *35, *41, *1XN, *2XN, *4XN)	Require Prior Authorization
CPT®	0029U	Drug metabolism (adverse drug reactions and drug response), targeted sequence analysis (ie, CYP1A2, CYP2C19, CYP2C9, CYP2D6, CYP3A4, CYP3A5, CYP4F2, SLCO1B1, VKORC1 and rs12777823)	Require Prior Authorization
The following codes will be denied as Not Medically Necessary, Contract Exclusions or Investigational			
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CPT®	81402	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY PROCEDURE LEVEL 3	Investigational
CPT®	81404	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY PROCEDURE LEVEL 5	Investigational
CPT®	81405	MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY PROCEDURE LEVEL 6	Investigational
CPT®	0031U	CYP1A2 (cytochrome P450 family 1, subfamily A, member 2) (eg, drug metabolism) gene analysis, common variants (ie, *1F, *1K, *6, *7)	Investigational