

Billing

Medicaid and Medicare

Direct billing by the laboratory performing the analysis is required. Please fill in complete billing information (ie, patient name, date of birth, sex, responsible party, address, city, state, zip, and insurance data). Patient diagnosis must be provided for each ordered test.

Medical Necessity

Federal government programs will only pay for tests for disease treatment and diagnosis. When ordering tests for which Medicare reimbursement will be sought, only order tests that are medically necessary. Effective January 1, 1998, physicians and other practitioners are required to provide diagnostic information to a clinical laboratory at the time the service is ordered if the secretary or a Medicare contractor (Local Medical Review Policies [LMRP's]) requires such information as a condition of payment.

The Medicare carrier/Intermediary publishes LMRP's listing for the acceptable diagnosis and test frequency for a number of laboratory services. When ordering 1 of these services and the patient diagnosis is not listed in the policy, the patient must sign an Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) indicating which test is ordered and reason for expected non-coverage. Forward a copy of the ABN with the specimen and requisition.

Our clinical consultants or billing specialists are available to answer any questions on test selection.

Patient

Please provide complete patient demographics and billing information. Mary Washington Hospital is a participating provider in most insurance plans and all participating insurances are filed for the patient on whom insurance information is received. Any specific billing questions regarding participating plans or test prices should be directed to a billing specialist. A billing specialist may be reached by calling 540-741-1168 Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

CPT Coding

This catalog lists CPT codes for informational purposes. The CPT codes listed reflect our interpretation of CPT coding requirements. The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine assumes no responsibility for billing errors due to the reliance on CPT codes listed in this catalog.

Cancellation of Tests

Cancellations received prior to test set up will be honored at no charge. Requests received following test set up cannot be honored. A report will be issued automatically and charged appropriately.