



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA 2014-37

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Re: Allergy Testing (CPT 86001-86005; 95004-95079 and 95199) and Allergy Immunotherapy (CPT 95115, 95117 and 95144 to 95199) – Effective Date: August 1, 2014

Dear Provider,

This letter is notification that the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) will reimburse for allergy services for SoonerCare members with the following guidelines:

- Allergy testing and antigen preparation must be performed in a hospital setting or a provider's office under direct supervision of a contracted physician or mid-level practitioner.
- Adequate documentation of medical necessity for allergy services, including but not limited to history and physical examination (indicating existence of acute or chronic state of allergy), provider's order for allergy testing, report of allergy testing, provider's order for allergy immunotherapy (including type of immunotherapy, details of treatment and length of treatment, patient reaction to treatment, etc.) must be available for review in the medical record.
- Documentation to support the medical necessity for allergy testing must be present as well as the number and type of tests performed. It would not be expected that all members would receive the same type and/or number of tests.
- Reimbursement for CPT 95165 (professional services for the supervision of preparation and provision of antigens for allergen immunotherapy; single or multiple antigens) is limited to 10 units per vial (if using multi-dose vial), in accordance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines. It would not be appropriate for the OHCA to reimburse for additional dilutions of the maintenance vial.
- Reimbursement for CPT 95144 (single dose vials of antigen) should be reported only if the provider is mixing the antigen to be administered by someone other than himself, in accordance with CMS guidelines.
- Per the OHCA's policy, an invoice and/or payment receipt for antigen vial(s) should be made available if requested.
- OHCA will reimburse for an office visit on the same date of service as allergy immunotherapy services (CPT 95115 or 95117) only if member's condition required a significant, separately identifiable service. It would not be appropriate to report an evaluation & management code for the minimal amount of work used to determine if a patient is fit to undergo an allergy injection as the payment for these services already includes that work.
- CPT Codes 86003, 95027, 95028, 95052, 95056, 95060, 95065, and 95199 require prior authorization (PA) from the Medical Authorization Unit (MAU) of the OHCA. The following required documents/documentation must be submitted to the MAU for PA:
 - HCA 13A – Prior Authorization Attachment Form Cover Sheet

- HCA 12A – Prior Authorization Request
- Documentation indicating member diagnosis, prior treatment for this diagnosis, previous allergy testing results, place of service, and medical necessity for requested services.

The required HCA 12A and 13A forms can be obtained from: www.okhca.org/provider-forms.

- CPT code 95012 and HCPCS Q3031 are not covered.
- The OHCA does not reimburse for CPT codes 86001, 86005, and 95120 through 95134, in accordance with CMS guidelines.

All necessary documentation for the aforementioned services must be available for PA, pre-payment review, or post-payment audit. Failure to provide adequate documentation of medical necessity may result in denial of payment and/or recoupment.

Reimbursement for all other services related to allergy services not otherwise noted above as covered or non-covered remain at the discretion of the OHCA.

Allergy testing and allergy immunotherapy are not covered services for Insure Oklahoma.

For any further information or questions, please call the Medical Authorization Unit (MAU) at (800) 522-0114. Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's SoonerCare members.

Sincerely,



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