



Provider Inquiry Assistance

Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS) - Special Instructions for Specific Test Codes (Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Code 80100, CPT Code 80101, CPT Code 80101QW, G0430, G0430QW, and G0431QW) – JA6852

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Contractors Affected

- Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)
- Medicare Carriers
- Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)

Provider Types Affected

Clinical laboratories billing Medicare Carriers, FIs, or A/B MACs



Change Request (CR) 6852 provides special instructions for the proper use of CPT code 80100, CPT code 80101, CPT code 80101QW, G0430, G0430QW, G0431, and G0431QW as of April 1, 2010.

Description of Test Codes Discussed in CR6852

Provider Needs to Know...

- Each test code discussed in CR6852 is currently described as follows by the American Medical Association (CPT codes) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) (G codes):
 - CPT code 80100 – Drug screen, qualitative; multiple drug classes chromatographic

method, each procedure;

- CPT code 80101 – Drug screen, qualitative; single drug class method (e.g., immunoassay, enzyme assay), each drug class;
- CPT code 80101QW – Drug screen, qualitative; single drug class method (e.g., immunoassay, enzyme assay), each drug class;
- G0430 – Drug screen, qualitative; multiple drug classes other than chromatographic method, each procedure;
- G0430QW – Drug screen, qualitative; multiple drug classes other than chromatographic method, each procedure;
- G0431 – Drug screen, qualitative; single drug class method (e.g., immunoassay, enzyme assay), each drug class; and
- G0431QW – Drug screen, qualitative; single drug class method (e.g., immunoassay, enzyme assay), each drug class.

CLFS Billing

- For purposes of the CLFS, beginning with dates of service on or after April 1, 2010, when performing a qualitative drug screening test for multiple drug classes that uses chromatographic methods, CPT code 80100 is the appropriate code to bill.
- New test code G0430 was created to limit the billing to one time per procedure and to remove the limitation of the method (chromatographic) when this method is not being used in the performance of the test.
- As a result, when a clinical laboratory that does not require a CLIA certificate of waiver performs a qualitative drug screening test for multiple drug classes that does not use chromatographic methods, new test code G0430 is the appropriate code to bill.
- When a clinical laboratory that does require a CLIA certificate of waiver performs a qualitative drug screening test for multiple drug classes that does not use chromatographic methods, new test code G0430QW is the appropriate code to bill.

What to Remember

- New test code G0431 is a direct replacement for CPT code 80101.
 - For purposes of the CLFS, effective with dates of service on or after April 1, 2010, new test code G0431 should be utilized by those clinical laboratories that do not require a CLIA certificate of waiver.
 - Those clinical laboratories that do require a CLIA certificate of waiver should utilize new test code G0431QW.
 - Effective April 1, 2010, CPT code 80101 will no longer be covered by Medicare, and CPT code 80101QW will be deleted.
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Background

- Each year, CMS hosts an Annual Public Meeting concerning new test codes that have been established by the CPT committee and that will be covered by Medicare and paid based on the CLFS.
 - During calendar year 2009, effective for January 1, 2010, two new G codes were established: G0430 and G0431.
 - It has come to CMS attention that some providers were incorrectly using CPT code 80100 and CPT code 80101.
 - Therefore, CMS created two new G codes to operate in place of and alongside existing CPT code 80100 and existing CPT code 80101.
 - In addition, those clinical laboratories that require a CLIA certificate of waiver had been utilizing CPT code 80101QW.
 - In order to ensure that clinical laboratories that require a CLIA certificate of waiver are also billing correctly whether the drug screen test performed is for a single drug class or multiple drug classes, effective April 1, 2010, two additional G codes were established – G0430QW and G0431QW.
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**Operational
Impact**

Contractors will not search their files to either retract payment or retroactively pay claims, but they should adjust claims if they are brought to their attention.

**Reference
Materials**

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6852.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6852) issued regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R653OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

A related article (MM6657) provides instructions for the CY 2010 CLFS mapping for new codes for clinical laboratory tests and updates for laboratory costs subject to the reasonable charge payment, may be reviewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6657.pdf> on the CMS website.

For additional information regarding the CY 2010 annual update for clinical laboratory fee schedule and laboratory services subject to reasonable charge payment, providers may review article SE1001 at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE1001.pdf> on the CMS website.
