

Local Coverage Article: MoIDX: BLM Gene Analysis Coding and Billing Guidelines (A53540)

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Contractor Information

CONTRACTOR NAME	CONTRACT TYPE	CONTRACT NUMBER	JURISDICTION	STATE(S)
Palmetto GBA	A and B MAC	10111 - MAC A	J - J	Alabama
Palmetto GBA	A and B MAC	10112 - MAC B	J - J	Alabama
Palmetto GBA	A and B MAC	10211 - MAC A	J - J	Georgia
Palmetto GBA	A and B MAC	10212 - MAC B	J - J	Georgia
Palmetto GBA	A and B MAC	10311 - MAC A	J - J	Tennessee
Palmetto GBA	A and B MAC	10312 - MAC B	J - J	Tennessee
Palmetto GBA	A and B and HHH MAC	11201 - MAC A	J - M	South Carolina
Palmetto GBA	A and B and HHH MAC	11202 - MAC B	J - M	South Carolina
Palmetto GBA	A and B and HHH MAC	11301 - MAC A	J - M	Virginia
Palmetto GBA	A and B and HHH MAC	11302 - MAC B	J - M	Virginia
Palmetto GBA	A and B and HHH MAC	11401 - MAC A	J - M	West Virginia
Palmetto GBA	A and B and HHH MAC	11402 - MAC B	J - M	West Virginia
Palmetto GBA	A and B and HHH MAC	11501 - MAC A	J - M	North Carolina
Palmetto GBA	A and B and HHH MAC	11502 - MAC B	J - M	North Carolina

Article Information

General Information

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MoIDX: BLM Gene Analysis Coding and Billing Guidelines

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Article Guidance

Article Text:

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The clinical diagnosis of Bloom (BLM syndrome, BSyn), characterized by severe pre and postnatal growth deficiency, highly characteristic sparseness of subcutaneous fat tissue in infants and children, is confirmed through cytogenetic testing. Molecular genetic testing identifies BLM gene mutation carriers at risk for conceiving offspring with the disease. Therefore, BLM genetic testing is not a Medicare benefit and is a statutorily excluded service. In addition to single gene testing, MolDX will also deny panels of tests that include the BLM gene as a statutorily excluded service.

To receive a BLM gene test service denial, please submit the following

- CPT code 81209 or CPT code 81443
- An Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) is not required for statutorily excluded services
 - For a voluntary issued ABN, append with GX modifier

- To indicate a statutorily excluded service, append with a GY modifier
- Select the appropriate diagnosis for the patient
- Enter DEX Z-Code™ identifier adjacent to the CPT code in the comment/narrative field for the following Part B claim field/types:
 - Loop 2400 or SV101-7 for the 5010A1 837P
 - Box 19 for paper claim
- Enter DEX Z-Code™ identifier adjacent to the CPT code in the comment/narrative field for the following Part A claim field/types:
 - Line SV202-7 for 837I electronic claim
 - Block 80 for the UB04 claim form

Reference: Sec. 1862 (1)(A) Statutory Exclusion covers diagnostic testing “except for items and services that are not reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member,…”

Coding Information

Bill Type Codes:

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the policy does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.

N/A

Revenue Codes:

Contractors may specify Revenue Codes to help providers identify those Revenue Codes typically used to report this service. In most instances Revenue Codes are purely advisory. Unless specified in the policy, services reported under other Revenue Codes are equally subject to this coverage determination. Complete absence of all Revenue Codes indicates that coverage is not influenced by Revenue Code and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all Revenue Codes.

N/A

CPT/HCPCS Codes

Group 1 Paragraph:

N/A

Group 1 Codes:

CODE	DESCRIPTION
81209	BLM (BLOOM SYNDROME, RECQ HELICASE-LIKE) (EG, BLOOM SYNDROME) GENE ANALYSIS, 2281DEL6INS7 VARIANT

CODE	DESCRIPTION
81443	GENETIC TESTING FOR SEVERE INHERITED CONDITIONS (EG, CYSTIC FIBROSIS, ASHKENAZI JEWISH-ASSOCIATED DISORDERS [EG, BLOOM SYNDROME, CANAVAN DISEASE, FANCONI ANEMIA TYPE C, MUCOLIPIDOSIS TYPE VI, GAUCHER DISEASE, TAY-SACHS DISEASE], BETA HEMOGLOBINOPATHIES, PHENYLKETONURIA, GALACTOSEMIA), GENOMIC SEQUENCE ANALYSIS PANEL, MUST INCLUDE SEQUENCING OF AT LEAST 15 GENES (EG, ACADM, ARSA, ASPA, ATP7B, BCKDHA, BCKDHB, BLM, CFTR, DHCR7, FANCC, G6PC, GAA, GALT, GBA, GBE1, HBB, HEXA, IKBKAP, MCOLN1, PAH)

ICD-10 Codes that are Covered

N/A

ICD-10 Codes that are Not Covered

N/A

Revision History Information

REVISION HISTORY DATE	REVISION HISTORY NUMBER	REVISION HISTORY EXPLANATION
01/01/2019	R5	Added 81209 to the article. Added 81443 and 81209 to HCPCS/CPT Code Group 1. Change is due to the 2019 HCPCS/CPT Annual Update and is effective 1/1/19.
02/26/2018	R4	The Jurisdiction "J" Part A and Part B Contracts for Alabama (10111/10112), Georgia (10211/10212) and Tennessee (10311/10312) are now being serviced by Palmetto GBA. Effective 02/26/18, these 6 contract numbers are being added to this article. No coverage, coding or other substantive changes (beyond the addition of the 6 Part A and B contract numbers) have been completed in this revision.
10/26/2017	R3	Annual review completed added Part A contract numbers and DEX Z-Code identifiers.
10/29/2015	R2	Annual review completed. Replaced reference to Palmetto and/or Palmetto GBA with MoIDX
10/01/2015	R1	Removed stacking code reference. Added Annual Review Date.

Associated Documents

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Rules and Regulations URL(s)

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