

TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) Evaluation Of Non-United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Approved Laboratory Developed Tests (LDTs) Demonstration Project

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this demonstration project is to improve the quality of health care services for TRICARE beneficiaries. This demonstration is intended to evaluate whether it is feasible for the Department of Defense (DoD) to review Laboratory Developed Tests (LDTs) which have not received U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) medical device 510(k) clearance or premarket approval (therefore considered non-FDA approved) to determine if they meet TRICARE requirements for safety and effectiveness according to the hierarchy of reliable evidence (32 CFR 199.4(g)(15)(i)(C)) and 32 CFR 199.2(b)), or TRICARE's rare disease policy (32 CFR 199.4(g)(15)(ii)) in the case of LDTs used in the diagnosis or medical management of a rare disease, and otherwise meet TRICARE criteria for coverage. Those that do will be covered as a benefit under this demonstration. The demonstration project will evaluate feasible alternatives to FDA approval to support modifications to 32 CFR 199.4(g)(15)(i)(A) to allow coverage for non-FDA approved LDTs that otherwise meet the TRICARE requirements for safety and effectiveness. The DoD currently has an ongoing demonstration project to test this same provision for LDTs with a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) national or local coverage determination that were submitted by laboratories for consideration for coverage under TRICARE. However, this new demonstration is being conducted in order to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a cost-effective and efficient way to review an expanded pool of non-FDA approved LDTs prioritized based on their potential high utilization and clinical utility within the TRICARE population. This new demonstration project will also extend coverage for preconception and prenatal Cystic Fibrosis (CF) carrier screening, when provided in accordance with the most current American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) guidelines in order to allow the DoD to establish whether there is a benefit to offering such testing to TRICARE beneficiaries. The demonstration project will operate throughout the continental United States, and in the TRICARE overseas regions.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 On June 18, 2014, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 34726) announcing the start of a demonstration project in which the TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) will review LDTs which have not received FDA clearance or approval to determine if they meet TRICARE requirements for safety and effectiveness according to the hierarchy of reliable evidence or TRICARE's rare disease policy as stated above and approve those that do for cost-sharing under this demonstration. An annual evaluation of the new demonstration will be conducted to determine how many of these non-FDA approved LDTs were provided to beneficiaries across all TRICARE regions. The evaluation will also include a review of the LDT examination and recommendation

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process to assess feasibility, resource requirements, and cost-effectiveness of the TMA establishing an internal safety and efficacy review process for these LDTs for TRICARE cost-sharing purposes. These results will provide an evaluation of the potential improvement of the quality of health care services for beneficiaries who would not otherwise have access to these safe and effective tests. Based on the results, a recommendation will be made on whether to modify [32 CFR 199.4\(g\)\(15\)\(i\)\(A\)](#) to remove the restriction for non-FDA approved LDTs and permit TRICARE cost-sharing of LDTs that are found to otherwise meet TRICARE requirements for safety and effectiveness.

2.2 This new demonstration project also extends coverage for preconception and prenatal CF carrier screening, when provided in accordance with the most current ACOG guidelines. This demonstration project will allow the DoD to establish whether there is a benefit to offering such testing for purposes of determining whether to permanently establish coverage as part of the family planning genetic testing benefit at [32 CFR 199.4\(e\)\(3\)\(ii\)](#), the maternity benefit at [32 CFR 199.4\(e\)\(16\)](#), or otherwise as a special benefit. By extending coverage for CF carrier screening in accordance with the most current ACOG guidelines under this demonstration project, the DoD will be able to gather the necessary data to evaluate whether there is a benefit to offering such screening, including evaluating the impact on follow-on care that a patient is given based on testing results and any other identified benefits of the testing. The Director, TMA, or designee, shall issue guidelines for collection of data involving individual cases of CF carrier screening covered under this demonstration as necessary for evaluation of the benefits resulting from such screening.

2.3 According to [32 CFR 199.4\(g\)\(15\)\(i\)\(A\)](#), the TMA may not cost-share medical devices, including LDTs, if the tests are non-FDA approved, that is, they have not received FDA marketing 510(k) clearance or premarket approval. LDTs with FDA approval are available for cost-sharing under the TRICARE Basic Program as long as they otherwise meet TRICARE criteria for coverage.

2.4 An LDT is an In Vitro Diagnostic (IVD) that is designed, manufactured, and used within a single laboratory. In the past, these were relatively simple tests used within a single laboratory, usually at a local large hospital or academic medical center, to diagnose rare diseases or for other uses to meet the needs of a local patient population. Today, these tests may be highly complex. LDTs range from identifying one specific gene to identifying just a variant of the gene, while others can assess a person's risk of developing specific cancers or diseases. For purposes of this demonstration, LDTs approved for coverage under the TRICARE Program will be identified by the specific gene they test for as detailed in [Figure 18.17-1](#).

2.5 Laboratories are assessed and accredited under minimum quality standards set by CMS under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) of 1988. CMS regulates laboratories that use non-FDA approved LDTs as well as FDA approved tests. Laboratories performing moderate or high complexity tests are subject to specific regulatory standards governing certification, personnel, proficiency testing, patient test management, quality assurance, quality control, and inspections. CLIA certification and periodic inspections evaluate whether the laboratory has determined the analytical validity of the tests they offer, including LDTs. Analytical validity refers to how well a test performs in the laboratory; that is, how well the test measures the properties or characteristics it is intended to measure. CLIA certification does not, however, assure a device is safe and effective for its intended use, or impose any type of post-market surveillance or adverse event reporting requirements.

2.6 On December 27, 2011, the DoD published a notice in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 80905-80907), announcing the TRICARE Evaluation of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Approved Laboratory Developed Tests (LDTs) Demonstration Project. LDTs for this demonstration were limited to only those that had a CMS national or local coverage determination and significantly informed clinical decision making for surveillance, surgical interventions, chemotherapy, or radiation therapy for cancer. The demonstration project was based on interested laboratories submitting their LDTs for consideration. Limited participation from industry in the demonstration served as a constraining factor and did not provide sufficient data for the DoD to make an affirmative decision regarding the feasibility of developing a cost-effective and efficient method of reviewing non-FDA approved LDTs for safety and efficacy. This three year demonstration will continue until it expires or is terminated via separate notice and LDTs covered under the current demonstration will continue to be covered (see [Chapter 18, Section 13](#)).

3.0 POLICY

3.1 A new and expanded demonstration project was initiated by the TMA to review non-FDA approved LDTs to determine if they meet TRICARE requirements for safety and effectiveness according to the hierarchy of reliable evidence ([32 CFR 199.4\(g\)\(15\)\(i\)\(C\)](#) and [32 CFR 199.2\(b\)](#)), or TRICARE's rare disease policy ([32 CFR 199.4\(g\)\(15\)\(ii\)](#)) in the case of LDTs used in the diagnosis or medical management of a rare disease, and otherwise meet TRICARE criteria for coverage and approve those that do for cost-sharing under this demonstration. The demonstration will evaluate an expanded pool of non-FDA approved LDTs. For example, LDTs evaluated under the new demonstration are not limited to those associated with cancer and do not require a CMS national or local coverage determination. Further, consideration of specific gene testing as part of the ongoing demonstration, discussed above, does not also prevent consideration under the new demonstration.

3.2 Non-FDA approved LDTs will be prioritized and reviewed for analytical validity, clinical validity, and clinical utility. LDT reviews will be based on the TRICARE hierarchy of reliable evidence to determine whether the specific test is proven safe and effective.

3.3 Reliable evidence is defined in [32 CFR 199.2\(b\)](#) and includes:

3.3.1 Well-controlled studies of clinically meaningful endpoints, published in refereed medical literature;

3.3.2 Published formal technology assessments;

3.3.3 The published reports of national professional medical associations;

3.3.4 Published national medical policy organization positions; and,

3.3.5 The published reports of national expert opinion organizations.

3.3.6 The hierarchy of reliable evidence of proven medical effectiveness, established by [paragraphs 3.3.1](#) through [3.3.5](#), is the order of the relative weight to be given to any particular source. With respect to clinical studies, only those reports and articles containing scientifically valid

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data and published in the refereed medical and scientific literature shall be considered as meeting the requirements of reliable evidence. Specifically not included in the meaning of reliable evidence are reports, articles, or statements by providers or groups of providers containing only abstracts, anecdotal evidence, or personal professional opinions. Also not included in the meaning of reliable evidence is the fact that a provider or a number of providers have elected to adopt a drug, device, or medical treatment or procedure as their personal treatment or procedure of choice or standard of practice.

3.4 There may also be non-FDA approved LDTs reviewed under the new demonstration project for use in the diagnosis or medical management of a rare disease. TRICARE defines a rare disease as any disease or condition that has a prevalence of less than 200,000 persons in the U.S. Due to the rare nature of the condition and lack of clinical research, the hierarchy of reliable evidence may not be met. In accordance with [32 CFR 199.4\(g\)\(15\)\(ii\)](#), benefits for rare diseases are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. In reviewing proposed benefits for rare diseases under the new demonstration, consistent with TRICARE's rare disease policy, any or all of the following sources may be consulted to determine if the proposed non-FDA approved LDT for a rare disease is considered safe and effective:

- 3.4.1** Trials published in refereed medical literature;
- 3.4.2** Formal technology assessments;
- 3.4.3** National medical policy organization positions;
- 3.4.4** National professional associations; and,
- 3.4.5** National expert opinion organizations.

3.5 Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Carrier Screening

3.5.1 This new demonstration project will also extend coverage for preconception and prenatal CF carrier screening, as well as the follow-on prenatal CF diagnostic genetic testing, such as amniocentesis, chorionic villus sampling, or chordocentesis, when provided in accordance with the most current ACOG guidelines, in order to allow the DoD to establish whether there is a benefit to offering such testing to TRICARE beneficiaries. CF carrier screening will be covered from January 1, 2013, through the end of the demonstration in order to obtain sufficient data to be able to conduct a cost benefit analysis of providing this screening for our beneficiary population. Additionally, the CF screening test is exempt from the preauthorization requirements of this demonstration. Due to the volume of CF screening tests performed in the TRICARE population, it is not practicable or cost-effective for these tests to be preauthorized. Instead, the contractors shall ensure the test is provided in accordance with the most current ACOG guidelines, e.g. if a patient has been screened previously, CF screening results should be documented but the test should not be repeated.

3.5.2 Preconception and prenatal CF carrier screening is excluded from the TRICARE Basic Program regardless of whether an FDA approved kit or non-FDA approved test is utilized.

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3.6 Non-FDA approved LDTs approved by the Director, TMA, or designee, during the demonstration period, as outlined in [Figure 18.17-1](#), will become available for cost-sharing for qualified TRICARE beneficiaries during the demonstration period when performed by CLIA certified labs.

3.7 Non-FDA approved LDTs that lack sufficient reliable evidence for safety and efficacy based on the TRICARE hierarchy of reliable evidence will remain excluded from TRICARE coverage.

3.8 Notification to the contractors of non-FDA approved LDT eligibility for cost-sharing shall be published, periodically, to this Chapter of the TRICARE Operations Manual (TOM), as detailed in [Figure 18.17-1](#). The codes listed in [Figure 18.17-1](#) which are on the No Government Pay Procedure Code List (NGPL) but payable under this demonstration project will remain on the NGPL, since these non-FDA approved LDTs are not covered under the TRICARE Basic Program. Non-FDA approved LDTs listed in [Figure 18.17-1](#) may be covered only as part of the demonstration project as denoted with the Special Processing Code (SPC) which shall be associated with each claim (see the TRICARE Systems Manual (TSM), [Chapter 2](#)). The TRICARE Encounter Data (TED) SPC for the new LDT demonstration is "L2 Non-FDA Approved Laboratory Developed Tests (LDTs) Demonstration." The LD SPC shall continue to apply to those LDTs covered under the demonstration found in [Section 13](#).

3.9 The TMA shall cost-share all medical care and treatment associated with the LDT approved under the demonstration in the same manner it would any other care or treatment associated with the provision of medically necessary and appropriate care if the following conditions are met:

3.9.1 The specific non-FDA approved LDT has been approved by the Director, TMA, or designee, for cost-sharing to eligible TRICARE beneficiaries; and

3.9.2 The contractor has preauthorized the LDT approved under the demonstration, when required, and verified that the TRICARE authorized provider has determined the eligible patient's medical need for the LDT in accordance with all indications detailed in [Figure 18.17-1](#); and

3.9.3 The contractor has verified that the patient's clinical diagnoses support the medical need and are fully documented according to and consistent with all indications detailed in [Figure 18.17-1](#); and

3.9.4 The contractor has, as noted in TRICARE Policy Manual (TPM), [Chapter 1, Section 7.1, paragraph 2.0](#), for dual eligible beneficiaries, applied all requirements when TRICARE is primary payer. As secondary payer under the TRICARE Dual Eligible Fiscal Intermediary Contract (TDEFIC), TRICARE will rely on and not replicate Medicare's determination of medical necessity and appropriateness in all circumstances where Medicare is primary payer. In the event that TRICARE is primary payer for these services and preauthorization, when required, was not obtained, the contractor shall obtain the necessary information and perform a retrospective review.

3.10 The demonstration will expire on July 18, 2017. Requirements of this Chapter as related to this demonstration cease at midnight on July 18, 2017. Only TRICARE beneficiaries with current eligibility, as defined in [paragraph 7.0](#), may participate in this demonstration project. Claims shall not be processed for individuals not eligible for TRICARE benefits. All medical care, treatments, or testing, with the exception of the LDT which has approval during the demonstration period only,

must be a TRICARE covered benefit provided to TRICARE eligible beneficiaries. This applies to all care rendered during or after the end date of this demonstration project.

3.11 The records management requirements described in [Chapter 2](#) apply to this demonstration project.

4.0 APPLICABILITY

4.1 This demonstration applies to all TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries. Additionally, for purposes of [Chapter 17, Section 3](#), LDTs are covered for service members as specified in the demonstration and no Supplemental Health Care Program (SHCP) waiver is required. The SPC **L2** shall accompany ADSM claims.

4.2 The benefit for LDTs approved under this demonstration project differs from the TRICARE Basic Program benefit. Coverage inquiries shall be submitted to, and resolved by the appropriate contractor (referencing the TMA Evaluation of Non-FDA Approved LDTs Demonstration Project). Regarding a beneficiary with other insurance that provides primary coverage, any medical necessity reviews the contractor believes are necessary, to act as a secondary payer, shall be performed on a retrospective basis.

4.3 The DoD has no authority to cost-share non-FDA approved medical devices such as LDTs, under the TRICARE Basic Program. While these non-FDA approved LDTs may be covered under the demonstration, appeal rights do not apply. Denials under the new demonstration are not appealable. Further, the inclusion or exclusion of LDTs under the new demonstration is not appealable.

5.0 GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS

5.1 With the exception of the CF carrier screening test which must be provided in accordance with the most current ACOG guidelines, the contractor shall preauthorize all other demonstration approved LDTs, to verify that the TRICARE authorized provider has determined the eligible beneficiary's medical need based on the beneficiary's clinical diagnoses which support the medical need and, the contractor shall document these facts according to and consistent with the AMA Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) codes, and according to all indications detailed in [Figure 18.17-1](#). Following the contractor's identification of an appropriate request for an approved LDT, as identified within the terms of the demonstration, the TRICARE authorized provider requesting/ordering the LDT shall be notified that they are authorized to utilize the LDT for the beneficiary. The contractor shall issue the notification of decision to authorize use of the demonstration approved LDT in writing to both the applicant provider and the beneficiary receiving the LDT. The contractor shall identify each claim with the SPC **L2**.

5.2 For LDTs which must be performed on an emergency basis, contractors shall perform a retrospective authorization review and approval prior to payment (e.g., PML/RaAlpha testing performed in an emergency room or inpatient hospital setting for acute promyelocytic leukemia patients where results are urgently needed and will immediately impact medical management/treatment decisions).

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5.3 All claims for approved care under the demonstration shall be submitted to the contractor for adjudication. In the event of contractor transition to another contractor, the outgoing contractor shall provide a list of all beneficiaries under demonstration approved LDT care.

5.4 Because some provisions of this demonstration are retroactive to January 1, 2013, exceptions may be granted to the time limitations on filing claims as outlined in [Chapter 8, Section 3](#).

6.0 TMA RESPONSIBILITIES

6.1 The TMA Evaluation of Non-FDA Approved LDTs Demonstration Project will be paid by the TMA as non-financially underwritten transactions in accordance with each respective contractor's agreement and shall follow vouchering rules in [Chapter 3](#) or Section G of the contract.

6.2 Perform periodic review and evaluation of the demonstration claims adjudication process.

6.3 Provide specific written guidance to the Managed Care Support Contractor (MCSC) or other contractor with jurisdiction for the claim regarding laboratory services and claims adjudication services to be provided by the claims processor under the terms of the demonstration.

7.0 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The contractor shall:

7.1 Verify the beneficiary's eligibility on the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). It is the contractor's responsibility to correctly voucher the TED records for payment.

7.2 Issue an authorization or denial letter to the applicant provider and beneficiary once a determination is made.

7.3 The contractor shall preauthorize the demonstration approved LDTs as required and verify medical necessity according to all indications detailed in [Figure 18.17-1](#). Only the indications listed in the Coverage Guidelines may be considered for cost-sharing. The contractor shall issue the notification of decision to authorize use of the LDT in writing to both the applicant provider and the beneficiary receiving the LDT.

7.4 The contractor shall manage and resolve all inquiries related to the demonstration, including claims inquiries related to LDTs approved for cost-sharing during the LDT demonstration.

8.0 CLAIMS PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS

8.1 Both laboratory and professional charges shall be reimbursed based on existing TRICARE reimbursement rules. In the absence of a CHAMPUS Maximum Allowable Charge (CMAC) for the specific test, the contractor shall develop a prevailing charge following the procedures in the TRICARE Reimbursement Manual (TRM), [Chapter 5, Section 1](#).

8.2 The contractor shall assure that the laboratories submit all charges on the basis of fully itemized bills. Each service and supply shall be individually identified and submitted on the

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appropriate claim form. If a claim associated with the demonstration has missing information, [Chapter 8, Section 6](#) guidelines shall be followed to either return or develop the claim and request the missing information.

8.3 All claims for the demonstration approved LDT shall meet the requirements outlined in [Figure 18.17-1](#). All other covered care associated with treatment will be provided in accordance with the respective provisions of the TPM or TRM. Care associated with the LDT must be medically necessary and appropriate medical care and not otherwise excluded as a TRICARE benefit.

8.4 Cost-shares and deductibles applicable to TRICARE shall also apply under the demonstration.

8.5 Normal double coverage provisions apply to LDTs approved under the demonstration. Acceptable evidence of processing by the double coverage plan is outlined in [Chapter 4](#).

8.6 Claims for this demonstration shall be paid from the applicable non-underwritten bank account (see [Chapter 3](#)), and submitted through normal TED processing as required in the TSM and in accordance with each respective contractor's agreement if claims data is not submitted through the TED system.

8.7 SPC **L2** shall be assigned to identify all claims paid under the new demonstration. The intent of this policy is to process claims for the demonstration approved LDTs with the SPC and the associated technical and professional components associated with the LDT-related CPTs. Medical care, treatments, and associated testing based on medical necessity as a consequence of the demonstration approved LDT's results are to be processed under the TRICARE Basic Program benefit.

8.8 Claims for this demonstration shall be submitted either by Electronic Media Claim (EMC) or by paper claim using the dedicated demonstration mailing address or using the appropriate regional claims processing address(es).

9.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date for coverage of LDTs approved under this demonstration project will be the later of:

9.1 January 1, 2013; or

9.2 The date on which there is sufficient reliable evidence to determine that the non-FDA approved LDT is proven safe and effective for TRICARE cost-sharing purposes. Effective dates of coverage for specific testing are included in [Figure 18.17-1](#).

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FIGURE 18.17-1 APPROVED LABORATORY DEVELOPED TESTS (LDTs) FOR THE FOLLOWING GENES

GENE:		APC	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	APC gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing for APC variants in individuals with clinical symptoms consistent with Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP). • Testing for APC variants in individuals with clinical symptoms consistent with Attenuated Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (AFAP). • Testing for APC variants in individuals with clinical symptoms consistent with Turcot's or Gardner's syndromes. • Testing individuals with an APC-associated polyposis syndrome for the purpose of identifying a variant that may be used to screen at-risk relatives. • For the presymptomatic testing of at-risk relatives for a known familial variant. 		
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81201	APC (Adenomatous Polyposis Coli) (e.g., Familial Adenomatosis Polyposis [FAP], attenuated FAP) gene analysis; full gene sequence
		81202	known familial variants
		81203	duplication/deletion variants

GENE:		BCR/ABL1	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	BCR/ABL1 gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic assessment of individuals with suspected Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML) by quantitative RT-PCR (RQ-PCR). • Diagnostic assessment of individuals with suspected CML by qualitative RT-PCR. • Monitoring response to Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor (TKI) therapy, such as imatinib, in individuals with CML by RQ-PCR. • Testing for the presence of the BCR/ABL1 p.Thr315Ile variant in CML patients to guide treatment selection following resistance to first-line imatinib therapy. • Testing for the presence of BCR/ABL1 variants other than p.Thr315Ile in CML patients to guide treatment selection following resistance to first-line imatinib therapy. 		
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81206	BCR/ABL1 (t(9;22)) (e.g., chronic myelogenous leukemia) translocation analysis; major breakpoint, qualitative or quantitative
		81207	BCR/ABL1 (t(9;22)) (e.g., chronic myelogenous leukemia) translocation analysis; minor breakpoint, qualitative or quantitative
		81208	BCR/ABL1 (t(9;22)) (e.g., chronic myelogenous leukemia) translocation analysis; other breakpoint, qualitative or quantitative

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FIGURE 18.17-1 APPROVED LABORATORY DEVELOPED TESTS (LDTs) FOR THE FOLLOWING GENES (CONTINUED)

GENE:	BMPR1A	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	BMPR1A gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To clarify the diagnosis of individuals with Juvenile Polyposis Syndrome (JPS). • If a known SMAD4 mutation is in the family, genetic testing should be performed in the first six months of life due to hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia risk. 	
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81479 Unlisted molecular pathology procedure

GENE:	BRAF	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	BRAF gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To predict response to vemurafenib therapy in patients with a positive cobas 4800 BRAF mutation test result. • For individuals with indeterminate thyroid Fine-Needle Aspiration (FNA) biopsy cytology for diagnosis of papillary thyroid carcinoma. 	
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81210 BRAF (v-raf murine sarcoma viral oncogene homolog B1) (e.g., colon cancer), gene analysis, V600E variant 81406 BRAF (v-raf murine sarcoma viral oncogene homolog B1) (e.g., Noonan syndrome), full gene sequence

GENE:	BRCA1/BRCA2	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	BRCA1/BRCA2 gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For individuals from families transmitting a known BRCA1/2 variant. • For individuals with a history of breast cancer and at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast cancer diagnosed ≤ 45 years of age. • Breast cancer diagnosed ≤ 50 years of age and a close family member with breast cancer. • Two breast primaries with one diagnosed at or before age 50. • A diagnosis of triple negative breast cancer at or before age 60. • Breast cancer diagnosed at any age and at least one close relative with breast cancer before age 50 and/or epithelial ovarian cancer at any age. • Breast cancer diagnosed at any age and at least two close relatives diagnosed with breast, pancreatic, and/or prostate (Gleason ≥ 7) cancer at any age. • A close male relative, which includes first-, second-, and third-degree relatives, with breast cancer. • An ethnic background associated with a higher frequency of BRCA1/2 variants (i.e., Ashkenazi Jewish). 	

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FIGURE 18.17-1 APPROVED LABORATORY DEVELOPED TESTS (LDTs) FOR THE FOLLOWING GENES (CONTINUED)

Coverage Guidelines (Continued):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For individuals with a personal history of epithelial ovarian cancer. • For individuals with male breast cancer. • For individuals with a personal history of pancreatic cancer or prostate (Gleason \geq 7) and at least two close relatives with breast, ovarian, prostate (Gleason \geq 7), and/or pancreatic cancer. • For unaffected individuals (with no personal history of cancer) who have one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A first- or second-degree relative satisfying the above criteria. • A third-degree relative with breast and/or ovarian cancer and at least two more relatives with breast cancer (at least one diagnosed before age 50) and/or ovarian cancer. 		
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81211	BRCA1, BRCA2 (breast cancer 1 and 2) (e.g. hereditary breast and ovarian cancer) gene analysis; full sequence analysis and common duplication/deletion variants in BRCA1 (i.e., exon 13 del 3.835kb, exon 13 dup 6kb, exon 14-20 del 26kb, exon 22 del 510bp, exon 8-9 del 7.1kb)
		81212	185delAG, 5385insC, 617delT variants
		81213	uncommon duplication/deletion variants
		81214	BRCA1 (breast cancer 1) (e.g. hereditary breast and ovarian cancer) gene analysis; full sequence analysis and common duplication/deletion variants (i.e., exon 13 del 3.835kb, exon 14-20 del 26kb, exon 22 del 510bp, exon 8-9 del 7.1kb)
		81215	known familial variant
		81216	BRCA2 (breast cancer 2) (e.g. hereditary breast and ovarian cancer) gene analysis; full sequence analysis
		81217	known familial variant

GENE:	CEBPA		
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	CEBPA gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To guide the treatment decisions for individuals with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). 		
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81403	CEBPA (CCAAT/enhancer binding protein [C/EBP], alpha) (e.g., acute myeloid leukemia) full gene sequence
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GENE:	CFTR	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	<p>CFTR gene testing is covered for the following indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of diagnosis in individuals showing clinical symptoms of Cystic Fibrosis (CF) or having a high sweat chloride level. • Identification of newborns who are affected with CF. • Identification of individuals with the p.Gly551Asp variant who will respond to treatment with ivacaftor. • Male infertility testing and treatment. • Preconception and prenatal carrier screening in accordance with the most current ACOG guidelines. 	
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	<p>81220 CFTR (cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator) (e.g. cystic fibrosis) gene analysis, common variants</p> <p>81221 known familial variants</p> <p>81222 duplication/deletion variants</p> <p>81223 full gene sequence</p> <p>81224 intron 8 poly-T analysis (e.g. male infertility)</p>
GENE:	Cytogenomic Constitutional Microarray Analysis	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	<p>Cytogenomic Constitutional Microarray Analysis gene testing is covered for the following indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic evaluation of patients suspected of having a genetic syndrome (i.e., have congenital anomalies, dysmorphic features, Developmental Delay (DD), and/or intellectual disability). • Diagnostic evaluation of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), including autism, Asperger syndrome, and pervasive developmental disorder. 	
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	<p>81228 Cytogenomic constitutional (genome-wide) microarray analysis; interrogation of genomic regions for copy number variants (e.g., Bacterial Artificial Chromosome [BAC] or oligo-based Comparative Genomic Hybridization [CGH] microarray analysis)</p> <p>81229 interrogation of genomic regions for copy number and Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) variants for chromosomal abnormalities</p> <p>81406 Cytogenomic microarray analysis, neoplasia (e.g., interrogation of copy number, and loss-of-heterozygosity via Single Nucleotide Polymorphism [SNP]-based Comparative Genomic Hybridization [CGH] microarray analysis)</p>
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GENE:	EGFR	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	EGFR gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To help guide administration of Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) TKIs in the first-line treatment of non-small cell lung cancer. 	
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81235 EGFR (epidermal growth factor receptor) (e.g. non-small cell lung cancer) gene analysis, common variants (e.g. exon 19 LREA deletion, L858R, T790M, G719A, G719S, L861Q)

GENE:	F2	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	Prothrombin (Factor II) related thrombophilia gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnostic evaluation of individuals with a prior Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) during pregnancy or puerperium. For patients with VTE with a personal or family history of recurrent VTE (more than two in the same person). For patients with their first VTE before age 50 with no precipitating factors. For venous thrombosis at unusual sites such as the cerebral, mesenteric, portal, or hepatic veins. For VTE associated with the use of estrogen-containing oral contraceptives, Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulators (SERMs), or Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT). To diagnose an inherited thrombophilia in female family members of individuals with an inherited thrombophilia if the female family member is pregnant or considering pregnancy or oral contraceptive use. 	
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81240 F2 (prothrombin, coagulation factor II) (e.g., hereditary hypercoagulability) gene analysis, 20210G>A variant 81400 F2 (coagulation factor 2) (e.g., hereditary hypercoagulability), 1199G>A variant

GENE:	F5	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	Factor V Leiden thrombophilia gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnostic evaluation of individuals with a prior VTE during pregnancy or puerperium. For patients with VTE with a personal or family history of recurrent VTE (more than two in the same person). For patients with their first VTE before age 50 with no precipitating factors. For venous thrombosis at unusual sites such as the cerebral, mesenteric, portal, or hepatic veins. 	

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Coverage Guidelines (Continued):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For VTE associated with the use of estrogen-containing oral contraceptives, Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulators (SERMs), or Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT). To diagnose an inherited thrombophilia in female family members of individuals with an inherited thrombophilia if the female family member is pregnant or considering pregnancy or oral contraceptive use. 	
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81241 F5 (coagulation factor V) (e.g., hereditary hypercoagulability) gene analysis, Leiden variant 81400 F5 (coagulation factor V) (e.g., hereditary hypercoagulability), HR2 variant

GENE:	FMR1	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	FMR1 gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing for CGG repeat length for diagnosis of patients of either sex with mental retardation, intellectual disability, developmental delay, or autism. FMR1 gene testing for Fragile X-Associated Tremor/Ataxia Syndrome is covered for the following individuals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Males and females older than age 50 years who have progressive cerebellar ataxia and intention tremor with or without a positive family history of FMR1-related disorders in whom other common causes of ataxia have been excluded. Women with unexplained Premature Ovarian Insufficiency (POI). 	
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81243 FMR1 (fragile X mental retardation 1) (e.g., fragile X mental retardation) gene analysis; evaluation to detect abnormal (e.g., expanded) alleles 81244 characterization of alleles (e.g., expanded size and methylation status)

GENE:	HBA1/HBA2	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	HBA1/HBA2 gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To confirm the diagnosis of alpha-thalassemia in a symptomatic individual. To confirm the diagnosis in a pregnant woman with low hemoglobin when alpha-thalassemia is suspected. 	
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81257 HBA1/HBA2 (alpha globin 1 and alpha globin 2) (e.g., alpha thalassemia, Hb Bart hydrops fetalis syndrome, HbH disease), gene analysis, for common deletions or variant (e.g., Southeast Asian, Thai, Filipino, Mediterranean, alpha3.7, alpha4.2, alpha20.5, and Constant Spring) 81404 HBA1/HBA2 (alpha globin 1 and alpha globin 2) (e.g., alpha thalassemia), duplication/deletion analysis 81405 HBA1/HBA2 (alpha globin 1 and alpha globin 2) (e.g., alpha thalassemia), full gene sequence
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GENE:		HEXA	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	HEXA gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As an adjunct to biochemical testing in patients with low hexosaminidase A levels in blood. When individuals are identified with apparent deficiency of hexosaminidase A enzymatic activity, targeted mutation analysis can then be used to distinguish pseudodeficiency alleles from disease-causing alleles. 		
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81255	HEXA (hexosaminidase A [alpha polypeptide]) (e.g., Tay-Sachs disease) gene analysis, common variants (e.g., 1278insTATC, 1421+1G>C, G269S)
		81406	HEXA (hexosaminidase A, alpha polypeptide) (e.g., Tay-Sachs disease), full gene sequence

GENE:		HFE	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	HFE-associated hereditary hemochromatosis gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnosis of patients with or without symptoms of iron overload with a serum transferrin saturation >45% and/or elevated serum ferritin. 		
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81256	HFE (hemochromatosis) (e.g., hereditary hemochromatosis) gene analysis, common variants (e.g., C282Y, H63D)

GENE:		HLA	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	HLA gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To determine histocompatibility of tissue between organ and bone marrow donors and recipients prior to transplant. For platelet transfusion for patients refractory to treatment due to alloimmunization. Diagnosis of celiac disease in symptomatic patients with equivocal results on small bowel biopsy and serology, or in previously symptomatic patients who are asymptomatic while on a gluten-free diet. Testing for the HLA-B*1502 allele prior to initiating treatment with carbamazepine in patients from high-risk ethnic groups. Testing for the HLA-B*5701 allele for hypersensitivity reactions in patients prior to initiation or reinitiation with treatments containing abacavir. Testing for the HLA-B*58:01 allele in patients prior to initiating treatment with allopurinol. 		

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CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81370	HLA Class I and II typing, low resolution (e.g. antigen equivalents); HLA-A, -B, -C, -DRB1/3/4/5, and -DQB1
		81371	HLA-A, -B, and -DRB1 (e.g., verification typing)
		81372	HLA Class I typing, low resolution (e.g. antigen equivalents); complete (i.e., HLA-A, -B, and -C)
		81373	one locus (e.g., HLA-A, -B, or -C) each
		81374	one antigen equivalent (e.g. B*27), each
		81375	HLA Class II typing, low resolution (e.g. antigen equivalents); HLA-DRB1/3/4/5 and -DQB1
		81376	one locus (e.g., HLA-DRB1, -DRB3/4/5, -DQB1, -DQA1, -DPB1, or -DPA1), each
		81377	one antigen equivalent, each
		81378	HLA Class I and II typing, high resolution (i.e., alleles or allele groups), HLA-A, -B, -C, and -DRB1
		81379	HLA Class I typing, high resolution (i.e., alleles or allele groups); complete (i.e., HLA-A, -B, and -C)
		81380	one locus (e.g., HLA-A, -B, or -C), each
		81381	one allele or allele group (e.g., B*57:01P), each
		81382	HLA Class II typing, high resolution (i.e., alleles or allele groups); one locus (e.g., HLA-DRB1, -DRB3/4/5, -DQB1, -DQA1, -DPB1, or -DPA1), each
		81383	one allele or allele group (e.g., HLA- DQB1*06:02P), each

GENE:	JAK2		
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	<p>JAK2 gene testing is covered for the following indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic evaluation of individuals presenting with clinical, laboratory, or pathological findings suggesting classic forms of myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPN), that is, Polycythemia Vera (PV), Essential Thrombocythemia (ET), or Primary Myelofibrosis (PMF). • Diagnostic evaluation of PV through JAK2 Exon 12 variant detection in JAK2 p.Val617Phe negative individuals. 		
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81270	JAK2 (Janus kinase 2) (e.g., myeloproliferative disorder) gene analysis, p.Val617Phe (V617F) variant
		81403	JAK2 (Janus kinase 2) (e.g., myeloproliferative disorder), exon 12 sequence and exon 13 sequence, if performed

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GENE:	KRAS	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	KRAS gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To help guide administration of anti-EGFR monoclonal antibodies. 	
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81275 KRAS (v-Ki-ras2 Kirsten rat sarcoma viral oncogene) (e.g., carcinoma) gene analysis, variants in codons 12 and 13

GENE:	MECP2	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	MECP2 gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing for MECP2 sequence variants in patients who meet established clinical diagnostic criteria for classic or variant Rett Syndrome (RS). Testing for MECP2 sequence variants in patients who have symptoms of RS, but do not meet established clinical diagnostic criteria. 	
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81302 MECP2 (methyl CpG binding protein 2) (e.g., Rett syndrome) gene analysis; full sequence analysis 81303 known familial variant 81304 duplication/deletion variants

GENE:	MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, MSI, PMS2, and EPCAM	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	Genetic testing for Lynch syndrome is covered for a beneficiary who has or has had colorectal or endometrial cancer and meets one of the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Amsterdam II criteria for Lynch syndrome genetic testing.</u> At least two close blood relatives of the affected beneficiary must have or have had a cancer associated with Lynch syndrome; and all of the following criteria must be present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One must be a first-degree blood relative of the other two; At least two successive generations must be affected; At least one of the blood relatives or the beneficiary with cancer associated with HNPCC should be diagnosed before age 50 years; FAP should be excluded in the colorectal cancer case(s) (if any); and Histologic diagnosis of tumors should be verified whenever possible. <u>Revised Bethesda guidelines:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colorectal cancer diagnosed in a beneficiary at less than 50 years of age. 	
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<p>Coverage Guidelines (Continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presence of synchronous or metachronous Lynch syndrome-associated cancers, regardless of age. Lynch syndrome-associated cancers include endometrial, ovarian, gastric, pancreas, ureter and renal pelvis, biliary tract, brain (usually glioblastoma), and small intestine cancers, as well as sebaceous gland adenomas/carcinomas and keratoacanthomas. • Colorectal cancer with the MSI-H histology diagnosed in a beneficiary who is less than 60 years of age. • Colorectal cancer with one or more first-degree blood relatives with a Lynch syndrome-associated cancer³, with one of the cancers being diagnosed under age 50 years. • Colorectal cancer with two or more first- or second-degree blood relatives with Lynch syndrome-associated cancers³, regardless of age. <p>3. Has a blood relative with a known Lynch syndrome related gene mutation.</p> <p>4. Endometrial cancer diagnosed in a beneficiary at less than 50 years of age.</p> <p>5. If any of the revised Bethesda guidelines are met, Microsatellite Instability (MSI) and/or Immunohistochemistry (IHC) testing on the colon cancer tissue may be clinically appropriate. If the tumor is MSI positive or mutation of one of the mismatch repair genes is indicated by failure of IHC staining, then genetic testing should be undertaken. Further unnecessary testing can often be avoided by performance of IHC prior to any MSI testing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genetic testing is covered for symptomatic or asymptomatic patients > 18 years of age who are at risk of having a known familial sequence variant in a Mismatch Repair (MMR) gene. 	
<p>CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:</p>	<p>CPT¹ Code</p>	<p>81292 MLH1 (mutL homolog 1, colon cancer, non-polyposis type 2) (e.g., hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer, Lynch syndrome) gene analysis; full sequence analysis</p> <p>81293 known familial variants</p> <p>81294 duplication/deletion variants</p> <p>81295 MSH2 (mutS homolog 2, colon cancer, nonpolyposis type 1) (e.g., hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer, Lynch syndrome) gene analysis; full sequence analysis</p> <p>81296 known familial variants</p> <p>81297 duplication/deletion variants</p> <p>81298 MSH6 (mutS homolog 6 [E. coli]) (e.g., hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer, Lynch syndrome) gene analysis; full sequence analysis</p> <p>81299 known familial variants</p> <p>81300 duplication/deletion variants</p> <p>81301 Microsatellite instability analysis (e.g., hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer, Lynch syndrome) of markers for mismatch repair deficiency (e.g., BAT25, BAT26), includes comparison of neoplastic and normal tissue, if performed</p>

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CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines (Continued):	CPT ¹ Code	81317	PMS2 (postmeiotic segregation increased 2 [<i>S. cerevisiae</i>]) (e.g. hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer, Lynch syndrome) gene analysis; full sequence analysis
		81318	known familial variants
		81319	duplication/deletion variants
		81403	EPCAM (epithelial cell adhesion molecule) (e.g., Lynch syndrome), duplication/deletion analysis

GENE:	MPL		
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	MPL gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnostic evaluation of Myeloproliferative Leukemia (MPL) variants to include Trp515Leu and Trp515Lys in JAK2 p.Val617Phe-negative individuals showing symptoms. 		
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81402	MPL (myeloproliferative leukemia virus oncogene, thrombopoietin receptor, TPOR) (e.g., myeloproliferative disorder), common variants (e.g., W515A, W515K, W515L, W515R)
		81403	MPL (myeloproliferative leukemia virus oncogene, thrombopoietin receptor, TPOR) (e.g., myeloproliferative disorder), exon 10 sequence

GENE:	MUTYH		
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	MUTYH or MYH gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnosis of MYH-Associated Polyposis (MAP) in APC-negative colorectal polyposis patients, or in polyposis patients who have a family history consistent with autosomal recessive inheritance. Diagnosis of MAP in asymptomatic siblings of patients with known MYH variants. 		
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81401	MUTYH (mutY homolog [<i>E. coli</i>]) (e.g., MYH-associated polyposis), common variants (e.g., Y165C, G382D)
		81406	MUTYH (mutY homolog [<i>E. coli</i>]) (e.g., MYH-associated polyposis), full gene sequence

GENE:	NPM1		
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	NPM1 gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To guide treatment decisions for individuals with AML. 		
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81310	NPM1 (nucleophosmin) (e.g., acute myeloid leukemia) gene analysis, exon 12 variants

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GENE:	PAX8	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	PAX8 gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For individuals with indeterminate thyroid FNA biopsy cytology for diagnosis of papillary thyroid carcinoma. 	
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81401 PAX8/PPARG (t(2;3) (q13;p25)) (e.g., follicular thyroid carcinoma), translocation analysis

GENE:	PML/RARalpha	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	PML/RARalpha gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic assessment of individuals with suspected acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL) by quantitative RT-PCR (RQ-PCR). • Diagnostic assessment of individuals with suspected APL by qualitative RT-PCR. • Monitoring response to treatment and disease progression in individuals with APL by RQ-PCR. 	
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81315 PML/RARalpha, (t(15;17)), promyelocytic leukemia/retinoic acid receptor alpha (e.g., promyelocytic leukemia) translocation analysis; common breakpoints (e.g. intron 3 and intron 6), qualitative or quantitative 81316 single breakpoint (e.g., intron 3, intron 6 or exon 6), qualitative or quantitative

GENE:	PMP22	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	PMP22 gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the accurate diagnosis and classification of hereditary polyneuropathies. 	
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81324 PMP22 (peripheral myelin protein 22) (e.g. Charcot-Marie-Tooth, hereditary neuropathy with liability to pressure palsies) gene analysis; duplication/deletion analysis 81325 full sequence analysis 81326 known familial variant

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GENE:		PTEN	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	PTEN gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For patients with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) and macrocephaly (Head circumference greater than 2 standard above the mean for age). • PTEN variant testing in individuals suspected of being affected with Cowden Syndrome (CS) or Bannayan-Riley-Ruvalcaba Syndrome (BRRS). 		
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81321	PTEN (phosphatase and tensin homolog) (e.g. Cowden syndrome, PTEN hamartoma tumor syndrome) gene analysis; full sequence analysis
		81322	known familial variant
		81323	duplication/deletion variant

GENE:		RET	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	RET gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple endocrine neoplasia type 2 (MEN2) gene testing in patients with the clinical manifestations of MEN2A, MEN2B, or familial medullary thyroid carcinoma (FMTC), including those with apparently sporadic Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma (MTC) or pheochromocytoma. • MEN2 gene testing to confirm a diagnosis in the at-risk relatives of genetically confirmed MEN2 patients. 		
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81404	RET (ret proto-oncogene) (e.g., multiple endocrine neoplasia, type 2B and familial medullary thyroid carcinoma), common variants (e.g., M918T, 2647_2648delinsTT, A883F)
		81405	RET (ret proto-oncogene) (e.g., multiple endocrine neoplasia, type 2A and familial medullary thyroid carcinoma), targeted sequence analysis (e.g., exons 10, 11, 13-16)

GENE:		SMAD4	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	SMAD4 gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To clarify the diagnosis of individuals with JPS. • If a known SMAD4 mutation is in the family, genetic testing should be performed in the first six months of life due to hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia risk. 		
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81405	SMAD4 (SMAD family member 4) (e.g., hemorrhagic telangiectasia syndrome, juvenile polyposis), duplication/deletion analysis
		81406	SMAD4 (SMAD family member 4) (e.g., hemorrhagic telangiectasia syndrome, juvenile polyposis), full gene sequence

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GENE:	SMN1/SMN2	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	<p>SMN1/SMN2 gene testing is covered for the following indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnosis of patients with hypotonia and muscle weakness who are suspected of having Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). 	
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	<p>81400 SMN1 (survival of motor neuron 1, telomeric) (e.g., spinal muscular atrophy), exon 7 deletion</p> <p>81401 SMN1/SMN2 (survival of motor neuron 1, telomeric/survival of motor neuron 2, centromeric) (e.g., spinal muscular atrophy), dosage analysis (e.g. carrier testing)</p> <p>81403 SMN1 (survival of motor neuron 1, telomeric) (e.g., spinal muscular atrophy), known familial sequence variant(s)</p> <p>81405 SMN1 (survival of motor neuron 1, telomeric) (e.g., spinal muscular atrophy), full gene sequence</p>

GENE:	SNRPN/UBE3A	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013	
Coverage Guidelines:	<p>SNRPN/UBE3A gene testing is covered for the following indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a clinical diagnosis of Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) is suspected, the following findings justify genetic testing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From birth to age two: Hypotonia with poor suck (neonatal period). • From age two to age six: Hypotonia with history of poor suck, global developmental delay. • From age six to age 12: Hypotonia with history of poor suck, global developmental delay, excessive eating with central obesity if uncontrolled. • From age 13 years to adulthood: Cognitive impairment, usually mild intellectual disability; excessive eating with central obesity if uncontrolled, hypothalamic hypogonadism and/or typical behavior problems. • When a clinical diagnosis of Angelman Syndrome is suspected, the following findings justify genetic testing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the evaluation of patients with developmental delay, regardless of age. • As part of the evaluation of patients with a balance or movement disorder such as ataxia of gait. May not appear as frank ataxia but can be forward lurching, unsteadiness, clumsiness, or quick, jerky motions. • As part of the evaluation of patients with uniqueness of behavior: any combination of frequent laughter/smiling; apparent happy demeanor; easily excitable personality, often with uplifted hand-flapping or waving movements; hypermotoric behavior. • Speech impairment, none or minimal use of words; receptive and non-verbal communication skills higher than verbal ones. 	

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FIGURE 18.17-1 APPROVED LABORATORY DEVELOPED TESTS (LDTs) FOR THE FOLLOWING GENES (CONTINUED)

CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81331	SNRPN/UBE3A (small nuclear ribonucleoprotein polypeptide N and ubiquitin protein ligase E3A) (e.g., Prader-Willi syndrome and/or Angelman syndrome), methylation analysis
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GENE:	STK11		
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	STK11 gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To confirm a diagnosis of Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome (PJS) in proband patients with a presumptive or probable diagnosis of PJS. 		
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81404	STK11 (serine/threonine kinase 11) (e.g., Peutz-Jeghers syndrome), duplication/deletion analysis
		81405	STK11 (serine/threonine kinase 11) (e.g., Peutz-Jeghers syndrome), full gene sequence

GENE:	TP53		
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	TP53 gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnosis of patients satisfying the criteria for classic Li-Fraumeni Syndrome (LFS) or Li-Fraumeni-Like Syndrome (LFLS), or the Chompret criteria for TP53 gene testing. 		
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81404	TP53 (tumor protein 53) (e.g., tumor samples), targeted sequence analysis of 2-5 exons
		81405	TP53 (tumor protein 53) (e.g., Li-Fraumeni syndrome, tumor samples), full gene sequence or targeted sequence analysis of >5 exons

GENE:	TRG		
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	TRG gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnosis and treatment of T-cell neoplasms. 		
CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	81342	TRG@ (T cell antigen receptor, gamma) (e.g., leukemia and lymphoma), gene rearrangement analysis, evaluation to detect abnormal clonal populations

GENE:	VHL		
Effective Date:	January 1, 2013		
Coverage Guidelines:	VHL gene testing is covered for the following indications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnosis of Von Hippel-Lindau (VHL) syndrome in patients presenting with pheochromocytoma, paraganglioma, or central nervous system hemangioblastoma. Confirmation of diagnosis in individuals with symptoms consistent with VHL syndrome. 		

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CPT Coding When Clinically Indicated By Coverage Guidelines:	CPT ¹ Code	
	81403	VHL (von Hippel-Lindau tumor suppression) (e.g., von Hippel-Lindau familial cancer syndrome), deletion/duplication analysis
	81404	VHL (Von Hippel-Lindau tumor suppression) (e.g., von Hippel-Lindau familial cancer syndrome), full gene sequence

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