

Lab Billing Brief

Navigating and Preventing Denials

This bulletin aims to keep you informed and equipped with the latest information on medical necessity of the tests you order to ensure accurate and efficient billing practices.

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Tests that contain CPT: 82306

- Vitamin D 25 Hydroxy
[LAB1231583]

More Info Available:

- [Medicare LCD](#)
- [BCBS Policy](#)
- [Priority Health Policy](#)

Vitamin D Testing

Corewell Health is seeing a large number of denials for 82306 – Vitamin D testing due to lack of medical necessity.

When Testing is Medically Supported

Vitamin D testing is medically necessary when performed for diagnostic reasons – meaning the patient has an underlying disease or condition associated with Vitamin D deficiency or decreased bone density.

Commonly used diagnosis codes that meet medical necessity:

(This list is not exhaustive.)

- **E55.9** – Vitamin D deficiency, unspecified
- **K50.00–K50.919** – Crohn's disease
- **K51.00–K51.919** – Ulcerative colitis
- **N18.30–N18.6** – Stage 3 chronic kidney disease - end-stage renal disease
- **M80.00XA–M80.88XS** – Age-related osteoporosis with current pathological fracture, unspecified site, initial encounter for fracture - Other osteoporosis with current pathological fracture, vertebra(e), sequela
- **M80.8AXA–M80.8AXS** – Other osteoporosis with current pathological fracture, other site, initial encounter for fracture - Other osteoporosis with current pathological fracture, other site, sequela
- **Z79.3** – Long-term (current) use of hormonal contraceptives
- **Z79.51** – Long-term (current) use of inhaled steroids
- **Z79.52** – Long-term (current) use of systemic steroids
- **Z79.85** – Long-term (current) use of injectable non-insulin antidiabetic drugs
- **Z79.891** – Long-term (current) use of opiate analgesics
- **Z79.899** – Other long-term (current) drug therapy

When Testing Is NOT Medically Supported

Routine testing or general screening of asymptomatic individuals does not meet medical necessity.

Common diagnosis codes that do not support medical necessity:

- **R53.83** – Other fatigue
- **Z00.00** – Encounter for routine adult physical examination
- **Z13.21** – Encounter for screening for nutritional disorder
- **R53.82** – Chronic fatigue, unspecified
- **R74.8** – Abnormal levels of other serum enzymes
- **D64.9** – Anemia, unspecified