

# 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.*

### Tests that contain CPT: 84403

#### Corewell Health Southeast Michigan:

- Testosterone, Total, Adult Male [LAB1231058]
- Testosterone, Total, Females or Children [LAB1231057]

#### Corewell Health Southwest and West Michigan:

- Testosterone Free and Total [LAB173]
- Total Testosterone [LAB2111222]

#### More Info Available: [BCBS Medical Policy](#)

## Testosterone Testing

Corewell Health has observed a significant increase in billing denials for testosterone testing, particularly among patients with Blue Cross plans. These denials are often due to missing diagnosis codes that support medical necessity.

### When Testosterone Testing is Medically Supported

- Symptoms of androgen deficiency or androgen excess in males
- Monitoring treatment response to enzyme inhibitors in men with prostate cancer.
- For men receiving testosterone replacement therapy
  - Testicular hypofunction: E29.1
  - Malignant neoplasm of prostate: C61
  - Decreased libido: R68.82
  - Other fatigue: R53.83
  - Endocrine disorder, unspecified: E34.9
- For gender dysphoric/gender incongruent persons
  - Transsexualism: F64.0
  - Identity disorder, unspecified: F64.9
  - Other gender identity disorders: F64.8
- For symptomatic females being evaluated for androgen excess
  - Menopausal and female climacteric states: N95.1
  - Irregular menstruation, unspecified: N92.6
  - \*Most diagnosis codes regarding Irregular Menstruation are also acceptable: N92.X
  - Other fatigue: R53.83
  - Endocrine disorder, unspecified: E34.9

### When Testosterone Testing Is **NOT** Medically Supported

- Encounter for general adult medical examination without abnormal findings: Z00.00
- Other specified abnormal findings of blood chemistry: R79.89
- Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of prostate: Z12.5
- Encounter for gynecological examination (general) (routine) w/o abnormal findings: Z01.419
- Premenstrual tension syndrome: N94.3
- Other specified health status: Z78.9