

Subject: Sexually Transmitted Infections (“STI”) Screening

Background

Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) cause significant morbidity and mortality in the United States each year. The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends that women at increased risk of infection be screened for chlamydia, gonorrhea, human immunodeficiency virus, and syphilis. Men at increased risk should be screened for human immunodeficiency virus and syphilis. All pregnant women should be screened for hepatitis B, human immunodeficiency virus, and syphilis; pregnant women at increased risk also should be screened for chlamydia and gonorrhea. Non-pregnant women and men not at increased risk do not require routine screening for sexually transmitted infections. Engaging in high-risk sexual behavior places persons at increased risk of sexually transmitted infections. The USPSTF recommends that all sexually active women younger than 25 years be considered at increased risk of chlamydia and gonorrhea. Because not all communities present equal risk of sexually transmitted infections, the USPSTF encourages physicians to consider expanding or limiting the routine sexually transmitted infection screening they provide based on the community and populations they serve.

Policy

CareSource encourages screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections consistent with the grade A and B recommendations of the (“USPSTF”) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (“CMS”) National Coverage Determination (“NCD”) Policy 210.10 for Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections. CareSource has eliminated the annual screen limitations set forth in the NDC as well as the order of billing STI diagnosis codes. The specific rules that apply for diagnosis codes (for Medicaid members *only*) are outlined in this policy.

Definitions

“**Sexually transmitted infections**” (“**STIs**”) are infections that are passed from one person to another through sexual contact. (*CareSource internal definition*)

Provider Reimbursement Guidelines

Prior Authorization

Prior authorization is not required for any medically necessary STI screenings.

Coverage

Screening tests for the STIs in this policy are laboratory tests.

CareSource will cover screening for these USPSTF-indicated STIs with the appropriate Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”)-approved/cleared laboratory tests when ordered and performed by an eligible provider for these services, and when used consistent with FDA-approved labeling and in compliance with the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (“CLIA”) regulations.

High-Intensity Behavioral Counseling (“HIBC”) to prevent STIs may be provided on the same date of services as an annual wellness visit, evaluation and management (E&M) service, or during the global billing period for obstetrical care, but only one HIBC may be provided on any one date of service.

Billing

CareSource will reimburse for the following CPT codes when medically necessary to screen for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) if accompanied by one or more of the following diagnostic codes:

V22.0 or V22.1 or V23.9 and V74.5 or V69.8

Chlamydia

Procedure Codes	Description
86631	Antibody;Chlamydia
86632	Antibody;Chlamydia,Igm
87110	Culture,Chlamydia
87270	Chlamydia trachomatis antigen detection by DFA
87320	Chlamydia trachomatis antigen detection by EIA
87490	Chlamydia trachomatis detect by DNA, dir probe
87491	Chlamydia trachomatis detect by DNA, amp probe
87810	Chlamydia trachomatis detect by immunoassay
87800	Detect agnt mult, dna, direc

Gonorrhea

Procedure Codes	Description
87590	N. gonorrhoeae by DNA, direct probe
87591	N. gonorrhoeae by DNA, amplified probe
87850	N. gonorrhoeae detection by immunoassay
87800	Detect agnt mult, dna, direc

Syphilis

Procedure Codes	Description
86592	Syphilis test non-Trep Qual
86593	Syphilis test non-Trep Quant
86780	Treponema pallidum

Hepatitis B

Procedure Codes	Description
87340	Hepatitis B surface antigen detection by EIA
87341	Hepatitis b surface, ag, eia

Related Policies & References

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Manual – Pub. 100-3 National Coverage Determination / 210.10 – Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and High-Intensity Behavioral Counseling (HIBC) to Prevent STIs

United States Preventive Services Task Force Recommendations

State Exceptions

NONE

Document Revision History
