



## URINE DRUG SCREEN (UDS) UPDATES FOR 2016

The American Medical Association (AMA) made several changes for 2016 in the Pathology and Laboratory 80000 series code section of the CPT code set. There were 28 new codes added, 11 deleted codes and 50 revised codes.

CMS uses HCPCS codes specific to Urine Drug Screens which have also been revised. These codes were finalized and will replace the current “G0431 and G4034” urine drug screen codes as well as the current “G” codes that were in use for 2015 for the definitive drug testing (G6030-G6058), which were also deleted.

**CMS has stated they will NOT recognize the AMA CPT codes (80300 – 80377) for drug testing for 2016.**

### Deleted CPT Codes:

- G0431 - Drug screen, qualitative; multiple drug classes by high complexity test method (e.g., immunoassay, enzyme assay), per patient encounter
- G0434 - Drug screen, other than chromatographic; any number of drug classes, by CLIA waived test or moderate complexity test, per patient encounter
- G6030-G6058 – specific types of drugs, i.e., Benzodiazepines, Desipramine, Doxepin, etc.

### New CPT Codes:

#### Presumptive Testing (G0477-G0479):

CMS created three G codes. Only one of the three presumptive G codes may be billed per day.

- G0477 - Drug tests(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes; any number of devices or procedures, (eg immunoassay) capable of being **read by direct optical observation** only (eg, dipsticks, cups, cards, cartridges), includes sample validation when performed, per date of service.
- G0478 - Drug tests(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes; any number of devices or procedures, (eg immunoassay) **read by instrument-assisted direct optical observation** (eg, dipsticks, cups, cards, cartridges), includes sample validation when performed, per date of service.
- G0479 - Drug tests(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes; any number of devices or procedures by instrumented chemistry **analyzers** (eg, immunoassay, enzyme assay, TOF, MALDI, LDTD, DESI, DART, GHPC, GC mass spectrometry), includes sample validation when performed, per date of service.

2015 Medicare LA CLIA Allow		2016 Medicare LA CLIA Allow	
G0431	\$99.45	→	G0479 \$79.25
G0434	\$19.89	→	G0477 \$14.86
		→	G0478 \$19.81

#### Definitive Testing (G0480-G0483):

CMS created four G codes. Only one of the four definitive G codes may be billed per day.

The unit used to determine the appropriate definitive G code to bill is “drug class.”

Each drug class may only be used once per day in determining the appropriate definitive G code to bill.

Drug classes are consistent with their usage in the AMA CPT Manual which may be consulted for examples of individual drugs within each class.

- G0480 - Drug test(s), definitive, utilizing drug identification methods able to identify individual drugs and distinguish between structural isomers (but not necessarily stereoisomers), including, but not limited to GC/MS (any type, single or tandem) and LC/MS (any type, single or tandem and excluding immunoassays (eg, IA, EIA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA) and enzymatic methods (eg, alcohol dehydrogenase)); qualitative or quantitative, all sources, includes specimen validity testing, per day, 1-7 drug class(es), including metabolite(s) if performed.
- G0481 - Drug test(s), definitive, utilizing drug identification methods able to identify individual drugs and distinguish between structural isomers (but not necessarily stereoisomers), including, but not limited to GC/MS (any type, single or tandem) and LC/MS (any type, single or tandem and excluding immunoassays (eg, IA, EIA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA) and enzymatic methods (eg, alcohol dehydrogenase)); qualitative or quantitative, all sources, includes specimen validity testing, per day, 8-14 drug class(es), including metabolite(s) if performed.
- G0482 - Drug test(s), definitive, utilizing drug identification methods able to identify individual drugs and distinguish between structural isomers (but not necessarily stereoisomers), including, but not limited to GC/MS (any type, single or tandem) and LC/MS (any type, single or tandem and excluding immunoassays (eg, IA, EIA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA) and enzymatic methods (eg, alcohol dehydrogenase)); qualitative or quantitative, all sources, includes specimen validity testing, per day, 15-21 drug class(es), including metabolite(s) if performed.)
- G0483 - Drug test(s), definitive, utilizing drug identification methods able to identify individual drugs and distinguish between structural isomers (but not necessarily stereoisomers), including, but not limited to GC/MS (any type, single or tandem) and LC/MS (any type, single or tandem and excluding immunoassays (eg, IA, EIA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA) and enzymatic methods (eg, alcohol dehydrogenase)); qualitative or quantitative, all sources, includes specimen validity testing, per day, 22 or more drug class(es), including metabolite(s) if performed.

2016 Medicare LA CLIA Allow	
G0480	\$79.94
G0481	\$122.99
G0482	\$166.03
G0483	\$215.23

**Resources:**

CMS Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ClinicalLabFeeSched/Downloads/CLFS-CY2016-Preliminary-Payment-Determinations.pdf>

McKesson summary of new, deleted and revised codes for pathology and laboratory:

<http://mptrms.mckesson.com/rs/766-XNA-725/images/2016-CPT-Code-Changes-Pathology.pdf>