

NOTICE: Allergy and Immunotherapy Services

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Dear provider,

The following codes are billed for allergy/immunotherapy services. When billing for these services it is important the correct code is billed and supporting documentation is in the medical record.

Code 95004 is billed for the percutaneous testing with allergenic extracts. Documentation in the medical record should include identification of each allergenic extract, the reaction and the interpretation. Per AHCCCS guidelines, the max daily allowable units are 125 units.

Code 95165 represents the antigen preparation only and does not include the administration. Complete documentation for code 95165 includes the date, units mixed and initials or signature of staff. Documentation should be included in the medical record each time code 95165 is billed. Per AHCCCS guidelines, the daily max units allowable for 95165 is 30 units.

Codes 95115 – 95117 are billed for the professional allergenic extract administration by injection. For each day allergy antigen is administered the following components should be included in the documentation; the date, the dose, the site, route of administration, reaction, and identification of provider that administered the antigen. Per AHCCCS guidelines, the daily max units allowable for codes 95115-95117 is 1 unit.

Without the complete documentation of the mixing and administration of allergy antigen the medical record does not support the billed services. Circumstances such as wasted antigen or at-home administration should be documented. CMS documentation guidelines call for the dated signature of the individual completing an order or rendering care. Signature guidelines apply to the allergy testing sheet, mixing log, and documentation for administration of antigen, etc.

Examples of Documentation to Be Submitted:

Progress note documenting medical necessity

Consent to treat

Antigen testing record – Includes allergens tested and reaction to each

Mixing sheet record - Identification of allergen extract, units mixed, signed and dated

Administration record - Amount of serum administered, route, site of administration, and reaction

Attestation and identification of the provider administering the injection

References: EncoderPro.com for Payers, Professional; AHCCCS – PMMIS; CMS, Billing and Coding: Allergy Immunotherapy (A56424), 10/27/2022; Department of Health and Human Services; Office of the OIG: Allergen Immunotherapy for Medicare Beneficiaries; AAPC; medicalbillersandcoders.com.

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