

CBR202109: Drugs of Abuse Testing

Guidance and Considerations



Caution

As you perform your internal compliance reviews, keep the following in mind:

Drug testing services and patient referrals for drug testing are vulnerable to improper payments, particularly those billed with Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code G0483.

Source: [2020 Medicare Fee-for-Service Supplemental Improper Payment Data](#). U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. CMS.gov.



Review

Review encounter documentation and choose your code carefully, according to the service provided to the patient and the services documented for the encounter. Remember, if it was not documented, it was not done!



Implement: Drugs of Abuse Testing

Help reduce the possibility of improper payments by taking the following actions:

- Perform drug tests appropriate to each patient's clinical care and medical necessity.
- Refer patients to trusted colleagues responsibly.
- Review Current Procedural Terminology® (CPT®) codes and HCPCS codes to ensure correct code assignment.
- Perform regular internal reviews of documentation and code selection to ensure accuracy and compliance.