Local Coverage Determination (LCD):
MolDX: HLA-B*15:02 Genetic Testing (L36149)

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**CMS National Coverage Policy**

Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (SSA), §1862(a)(1)(A), states that no Medicare payment shall be made for items or services that “are not reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member.”

Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, §1833(e), prohibits Medicare payment for any claim lacking the necessary documentation to process the claim.

42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §410.32 Diagnostic x-ray tests, diagnostic laboratory tests, and other diagnostic tests: Conditions.

CMS Internet Online Manual Pub. 100-02 (Medicare Benefit Policy Manual), Chapter 15, Section 80, “Requirements for Diagnostic X-Ray, Diagnostic Laboratory, and Other Diagnostic Tests”

CMS Internet-Only Manuals, Publication 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 16, §50.5 Jurisdiction of Laboratory Claims, 60.12 Independent Laboratory Specimen Drawing, 60.2. Travel Allowance.

CMS Internet Online Manual Pub. 100-04 (Medicare Claims Processing Manual), Chapter 23 (Section 10) “Reporting ICD Diagnosis and Procedure Codes”

CMS Internet-Only Manual, Pub 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, §30-Correct Coding Policy

**Coverage Guidance**

**Coverage Indications, Limitations, and/or Medical Necessity**

**Indications and Limitations of Coverage**

This policy provides limited coverage for HLA-B*15:02 genotype testing when the following criteria are met:

- Patient is of Asian and Oceanian ancestry; **AND**
- Initial treatment with carbamazepine, phenytoin or fosphenytoin is planned

**Background**

In 2004, researchers reported individuals with the HLA-B*1502 had an increased risk to develop Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) or toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN) when exposed to carbamazepine\(^2\). SJS and TEN, considered two variants of a disease continuum, are severe, sometimes lethal diseases of the skin and mucous membranes. A third, intermediate condition is called SJS/TEN. The most serious cases result in separation of the epidermis from the dermis in large sheets, which can also lead to infection. Sloughing can also occur in the bronchial, gastrointestinal and ocular epithelia.

Estimates indicate 10-15% of the population from China, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Taiwan carry the HLA-B*1502 allele. South Asians, including Indians, appear to have an intermediate chance of having HLA-
B*1502, averaging 2 to 4%, but it is higher in some subgroups. Oceanians also have an increased incidence of HLA-B*1502 serotype. The incidence of the HLA-B*1502 serotype in the European Caucasian population has been reported at less than 0.1% \(^1\), in the African population as 0.2% and in the Native American and Hispanic populations as 0% \(^3\).

In 2007, the FDA issued a black box label warning for carbamazepine stating, “Patients with ancestry in genetically at-risk populations should be screened for the presence of HLA-B*1502 prior to initiating treatment.” More recent evidence has supported the FDA recommendations \(^4\) and at least one study has demonstrated that prospective screening of HLA-B*1502 has reduced the incidence of SJS/TEN in a Chinese population \(^5\).

Summary of Evidence

N/A

Analysis of Evidence
(Rationale for Determination)

N/A

General Information

Associated Information

Documentation Requirements

The patient's medical record must contain documentation that fully supports the medical necessity for services included within this LCD. (See “Coverage Indications, Limitations, and/or Medical Necessity”) This documentation includes, but is not limited to, relevant medical history, physical examination, and results of pertinent diagnostic tests or procedures.

Documentation supporting the medical necessity should be legible, maintained in the patient's medical record, and must be made available to the MAC or other Medicare auditor upon request.

This final LCD, effective 04/01/2016, combines JFA DL36147 into the JFB LCD so that both JFA and JFB contract numbers will have the same final MCD LCD number.

Sources of Information

References

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Associated Documents

Attachments

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Related Local Coverage Documents

Article(s)
A57468 - Billing and Coding: MolDX: HLA-B*15:02 Genetic Testing
A54875 - Response to Comments: MolDX: HLA-B*15:02 Genetic Testing

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DL36147
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Related National Coverage Documents

N/A

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