

MEDICAL POLICY		Thyroid Testing (Medicare Only)	
Effective Date: 1/1/2021  1/1/2021	Section: LAB	Policy No: 428	
	Medical Policy Committee Approved Date: 6/2020		
Medical Officer	Date		

See Policy CPT/HCPCS CODE section below for any prior authorization requirements

SCOPE:

Providence Health Plan, Providence Health Assurance, Providence Plan Partners, and Ayin Health Solutions as applicable (referred to individually as “Company” and collectively as “Companies”).

APPLIES TO:

Medicare Only

MEDICARE POLICY CRITERIA

The following Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service (CMS) guidelines should be utilized for medical necessity coverage determinations. Click the link provided in the table below to access applicable medical necessity criteria. All listed guidelines apply.

Service	Medicare Guidelines
<i>Thyroid Testing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Thyroid Testing (190.22).¹ National Coverage Determinations (NCD) Coding Policy Manual and Change Report (ICD-10-CM).²

BILLING GUIDELINES

The CPT/HCPCS codes below are **covered** when billed with one of the ICD-10 codes included in the most recent “Medicare National Coverage Determinations (NCD) Coding Policy Manual and Change Report (ICD-10-CM),” available for download at “[Lab NCDs – ICD-10](#).” Please see the coding policy manual for a complete list of diagnosis codes.

Thyroid testing, billed with any of the CPT codes below, is limited to a frequency of 4 per rolling calendar year.

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CPT/HCPCS CODES

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No Prior Authorization Required	
84436	Thyroxine; total
84439	Thyroxine; free
84443	Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)
84479	Thyroid hormone (T3 or T4) uptake or thyroid hormone binding ratio (THBR)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Company Medical Policies serve as guidance for the administration of plan benefits. Medical policies do not constitute medical advice nor a guarantee of coverage. Company Medical Policies are reviewed annually and are based upon published, peer-reviewed scientific evidence and evidence-based clinical practice guidelines that are available as of the last policy update. The Companies reserve the right to determine the application of Medical Policies and make revisions to Medical Policies at any time. Providers will be given at least 60-days notice of policy changes that are restrictive in nature.

The scope and availability of all plan benefits are determined in accordance with the applicable coverage agreement. Any conflict or variance between the terms of the coverage agreement and Company Medical Policy will be resolved in favor of the coverage agreement.

REGULATORY STATUS

Mental Health Parity Statement

Coverage decisions are made on the basis of individualized determinations of medical necessity and the experimental or investigational character of the treatment in the individual case.

REFERENCES

1. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Thyroid Testing (190.22). 2003; <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/ncd-details.aspx?NCDId=101>. Accessed 5/5/2020.
2. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid NCD Coding Policy Manual and Change Report (ICD-10-CM. 2020; <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coverage/CoverageGenInfo/LabNCDsICD10>. Accessed 5/5/2020.