

Have Questions About Insurance Coverage?

GENETIC COUNSELING AND TESTING - INSURANCE COVERAGE

Genetic Counseling

Genetic counseling is covered by most health insurance plans but you should contact your health insurance company to know what coverage your plan provides. Virtual visits are also available and billed.

Here are some helpful tips for having the conversation with your insurance company:

- Tell the insurance company you have been referred for genetic counseling.
- Check with your insurance company to be sure your provider is covered.

The insurance company may ask you for various numbers (provided below) that will help them to determine whether the service is covered.

The **CPT Code** for a visit with a Genetic Counselor is **96040**.

The NPI for each Counselor are as follows:

- Brianna Pagan: **1134508377**
- Stephanie Woo: **1184127607**
- Elizabeth Chavez: **1518536689**
- Anna Vercruyssen: **1255918751**
- Emily (Pei-Chen) Hsieh: **1962134155**
- Brianna Van Den Adel: **1851974364**

The **CPT codes** for a visit with a Cancer Geneticist are:

- New visits: **99204-99205**
- Follow-up visits: **99214-99215**

The **NPI** for Dr. Marianne Dubard-Gault is **1447678206**.

The tax ID number requested by insurance companies for the Swedish Cancer Institute is **912073120**.

Genetic Testing

Just about all health insurers cover genetic testing if you meet their family history and/or medical criteria, but these criteria vary greatly across health insurers. Meeting with the genetic counselor can often help determine whether you are likely to meet your insurance company's criteria for coverage.

If testing is recommended for you, the outside genetic testing laboratory usually verifies the preauthorization once they receive your blood or saliva sample for testing.

If you have significant out-of-pocket cost, the testing laboratory will notify you. This will allow you to cancel your test if your out-of-pocket costs are too expensive. After many years of experience we have found that this is the most accurate and least frustrating way to determine your coverage for genetic testing.

In some cases, testing must be done on a skin biopsy. Your genetics provider will inform you whether this is necessary. Below are the CPT codes for that procedure, if necessary:

- Skin biopsy: **11102-11107**
- Skin culture: **87070**
- DNA extraction: **8389**

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