

<b>Reimbursement Policy</b>	
<b>Subject: Drug Screen Testing</b>	
Policy Section: <b>Laboratory</b>	
Last Approval Date: <b>06/25/21</b>	Effective Date: <b>03/01/2022</b>

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### Disclaimer

These policies serve as a guide to assist you in accurate claim submissions and to outline the basis for reimbursement by Simply Healthcare Plans, Inc. (Simply) and Clear Health Alliance (CHA) if the service is covered by a member’s benefit plan. The determination that a service, procedure, item, etc. is covered under a member’s benefit plan is not a determination that you will be reimbursed. Services must meet authorization and medical necessity guidelines appropriate to the procedure and diagnosis as well as to the member’s state of residence. You must follow proper billing and submission guidelines. You are required to use industry standard, compliant codes on all claim submissions. Services should be billed with CPT® codes, HCPCS codes, and/or revenue codes. The codes denote the services and/or procedures performed. The billed code(s) are required to be fully supported in the medical record and/or office notes. Unless otherwise noted within the policy, our policies apply to both participating and nonparticipating providers and facilities.

If appropriate coding/billing guidelines or current reimbursement policies are not followed, Simply and CHA may:

- Reject or deny the claim.
- Recover and/or recoup claim payment.
- Adjust the reimbursement to reflect the appropriate services and/or procedures performed.

Simply and CHA reimbursement policies are developed based on nationally accepted industry standards and coding principles. These policies may be superseded by mandates in provider, state, federal or CMS contracts and/or requirements. System logic or setup may prevent the loading of policies into the claims platforms in the same manner as described; however, Simply and CHA strive to minimize these variations.

Simply and CHA reserve the right to review and revise our policies periodically when necessary. When there is an update, we will publish the most current policy to our provider site.

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### Policy

Simply and CHA do not allow reimbursement for properly ordered drug screen testing by an independent clinical laboratory with a place of service 81.

Simply and CHA do not allow reimbursement for employment/pre-employment drug screening.

### Coding

Policy Section	Code(s)	Comments
N/A	N/A	Standard correct coding applies.

### Policy History

Date ↑	Specific action on date entered
<b>(06/25/21)</b>	Biennial review approved <b>06/25/2021</b> and effective <b>03/01/2022</b> : Policy language updated for clarity and to add language around specimen validity
<b>(03/15/19)</b>	Initial approval <b>03/15/19</b> and effective date <b>11/01/19</b>

### References and Research Materials

This policy has been developed through consideration of the following:

- CMS
- State Medicaid
- State contracts
- Optum360, 2020

### Definitions

<b>Presumptive Drug Class Screening</b>	Screening used to identify possible use or non-use of a drug or drug class (presumptive drug screening may or may not be followed by definitive drug class screening); presumptive drug testing is either done on a random basis or for cause, the latter of which should be documented in the medical record
<b>Definitive Drug Class Screening</b>	Screening which includes qualitative (drug is present or absent), semi-quantitative or quantitative (measured) tests to identify possible use or non-use of a specific drug; typically, therapeutic drug assay procedures are quantitative tests
<b>General Reimbursement Policy Definitions</b>	

### Related Policies and Materials

- None