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## **FSIPP ALERT!**

# **CLARIFICATION ON BILLING FOR UDT FROM ATTORNEY VAUGHN**



## **Reading Room**

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### **CMS Gives More Advice on Urine Drug Screen Coding**

On May 24, 2010, CMS answered 4 questions on the CMS website regarding urine drug screens. The answers provide more cogent advice than we have received from CMS in the past as to whether to bill G0430 versus G0431. Here are the following 4 Q&A's from CMS.

Q. #10010: What is the appropriate way to bill for a test for drugs of abuse where a single test provides multiple results? For instance, a single test may return the results of the presence of

up to 12 different classes of drugs?

A: “. . . HCPCS code G0430 . . . is intended to be used to bill for single tests which test for the presence of multiple classes of drugs.”

Q. # 10011: How would I bill for performing multiple tests each of which return multiple results? For example, I perform 3 tests, each of which return 4 unique results?

A: “. . . HCPCS code G0430 . . . is intended to be used to bill for single tests which test for the presence of multiple classes of drugs. If a provider must perform multiple tests, each of which return multiple results, multiple units of service may be billed. However, Medicare contractors have the authority to determine if tests are medically necessary and thus payable.”

Q. #10012: What is the appropriate way to bill for a test for drugs of abuse where multiple tests are required in order to obtain multiple individual results? For instance, a single test is performed on a sample to determine the presence of a single drug?

A: “. . . HCPCS code G0431 . . . is intended to be used to bill for a single test which returns a single result.”

Q. #10013: How would I bill for performing multiple tests each of which return individual results? For instance, I perform 12 tests each of which return 1 unique result, for a total of 12 unique results.

A: “. . . HCPCS code G0431 . . . is intended to be used to bill for a single test which returns a single result. If multiple tests are required, multiple units of service may be billed. However, Medicare contractors have the authority to determine if tests are medically necessary and thus payable.”

Based on all of the above, if you conduct a single test which addresses multiple drugs, you are required to bill G0430. If you conduct a single test which addresses only a single drug, then you can bill G0431 for each one of those single tests.

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