Outpatient Definitive Drug Testing Update

Effective **November 1, 2021**, Molina Healthcare will implement a new policy regarding *Outpatient Definitive and Presumptive Drug Testing* and the reimbursement for testing performed in an outpatient setting.

It is the Provider's responsibility to perform medically necessary drug tests based on current evidence and clinical guidelines. Outpatient <u>definitive</u> drug testing **is medically necessary** when testing does not exceed seven (7) drugs/drug classes per member, per day, **AND** when any of the following criteria are met:

1. <u>**Presumptive**</u> test results are inconsistent with expected results based on the Member's condition, medical history, examination, and/or the Member's own statement; **AND**
   - Tests are only for specific drugs/drug classes for which the presumptive test yielded unexpected results**; AND**
   - Results of testing will impact treatment planning.

   OR,

2. <u>**Presumptive**</u> test results are consistent with expected results, but drug class-specific assays are needed to identify the specific drug(s) that resulted in the positive test result, and the testing results will impact treatment planning.

   OR,

3. Reliable <u>**presumptive**</u> drug testing is not available for the drug, **AND** the testing results will impact treatment planning.

In the rare instances where testing for more than seven drugs may be clinically indicated, the medical record must include a specific rationale. This justification must be based on the history and other relevant details (including a detailed list of all drug classes in question) for such expansive definitive testing. **Molina considers no more than seven (7) definitive drug tests/classes to be medically necessary, or else be subject to denial.** When requested, the Plan will provide information on the Appeals process, including necessary documentation when appealing a denied claim.*

* Medical documentation can be included with the initial authorization request.

All other drug testing policies, procedures, and contracted terms not referenced in this policy will remain in full force and effect. **Outpatient drug testing that is not medically necessary will not be reimbursed.** The policy can be found on the Molina website at https://www.molinahealthcare.com/providers/sc/medicaid/policies/payment.aspx. Click on the applicable State (South Carolina) at the top of the page, then select Payment Policy Header to access the policy. It is located under Payment Policy Outpatient Definitive Drug Testing.