

Client Communication

**Test Update: RESPIRATORY PANEL, PCR
GASTROINTESTINAL (GI) PANEL, PCR**

Effective immediately, the Respiratory Panel, PCR (PLA 0202U) and Gastrointestinal (GI) Panel, PCR (PLA 0097U) will no longer be offered as outpatient tests.

Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) updated their list of tests that do not meet payment determination criteria. The Respiratory and GI Panels, which are performed on the Biomerieux Biofire®, are included on this list for both entities.

Organisms included in these panels are listed below and should be ordered individually if clinically indicated:

Respiratory Panel, PCR:

Adenovirus, Coronavirus HKU1, Coronavirus NL63, Coronavirus 229E, Coronavirus OC43, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), Human Metapneumovirus, Human Rhinovirus/Enterovirus, Influenza A, Influenza A/H1, Influenza A/H3, Influenza A/H1-2009, Influenza B, Parainfluenza Virus 1, Parainfluenza Virus 2, Parainfluenza Virus 3, Parainfluenza Virus 4, Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bordetella parapertussis, Bordetella pertussis, Chlamydia pneumonia, Mycoplasma pneumoniae

GI Panel, PCR:

Campylobacter (jejuni, coli, upsaliensis), Clostridium difficile (toxin A/B), Plesiomonas shigelloides, Salmonella, Yersinia enterocolitica, Vibrio (parahaemolyticus, vulnificus, cholerae), Vibrio cholerae, Enteroaggregative E. coli (EAEC), Enteropathogenic E. coli (EPEC), Enterotoxigenic E. coli (ETEC), Shiga-like-toxin-producing E. coli (STEC), E. coli O157, Shigella/Enteroinvasive E. coli (EIEC), Cryptosporidium, Cyclospora cayentanensis, Entamoeba histolytica, Giardia lamblia, Adenovirus F40/41, Astrovirus, Norovirus GI/GII, Rotavirus A, Sapovirus (I, II, IV, and V)

For assistance in finding the appropriate test order codes, please contact our Client Services Department at (808) 677-7998 or toll-free at (866) 281-6816.

To review a full listing of codes that do not meet payment determination criteria, please visit:

HMSA:

<https://prc.hmsa.com/s/article/Codes-That-Do-Not-Meet-Payment-Determination-Criteria>

CMS:

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=57338>

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56706>

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