

Allergy Testing (L28234)

For services performed on or after 02/26/2009

HCPSC Codes (Alphanumeric, CPT[®]AMA)

Code	Description
86003	Allergen specific IgE
86005	Allergen Specific IGE, Qualitative, Multiallergen Screen (dipstick, paddle, or disk)
95004	Percut allergy skin tests
95010	Percut allergy titrate test
95015	ID allergy titrate-drug/bug
95024	ID allergy test, drug/bug
95027	ID allergy titrate-airborne
95028	ID allergy test-delayed type
95044	Allergy patch tests
95052	Photo patch test
95056	Photosensitivity tests
95060	Eye allergy tests
95065	Nose allergy test
95070	Bronchial allergy tests
95071	Bronchial allergy tests
95075	Ingestion challenge test

ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare Program

Code	Description
	The following list of ICD-9 Codes will be covered for CPT Codes 86003;
372.14	Other chronic allergic conjunctivitis
381.00 – 381.06	Acute nonsuppurative otitis media, unspecified Acute allergic sanguinous otitis media
381.10	Chronic serous otitis media simple or unspecified
381.19	Other chronic serous otitis media
381.3	Other and unspecified chronic nonsuppurative otitis media
381.4	Nonsuppurative otitis media not specified as acute or chronic
381.50 – 381.52	Eustachian salpingitis unspecified – chronic Eustachian salpingitis
381.81	Dysfunction of Eustachian tube
382.9	Unspecified otitis media
466.0	Acute bronchitis
471.0	Polyp of nasal cavity
471.1	Polypoid sinus degeneration
471.8	Other polyp of sinus
471.9	Unspecified nasal polyp
472.0	Chronic rhinitis
474.00 – 474.02	Chronic Tonsillitis – Chronic Chronic tonsillitis and Adenoiditis

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Code	Description
474.10	Hypertrophy of tonsil with adenoids
474.12	Hypertrophy of adenoids alone
477.0	Allergic rhinitis due to pollen
477.1	Allergic rhinitis due to food
477.2	Allergic rhinitis due to animal (cat) (dog) hair and dander
477.8	Allergic rhinitis due to other allergen
477.9	Allergic rhinitis cause unspecified
478.11	Nasal Mucositis (ulcerative)
478.19	Other disease of nasal cavity and sinuses
493.00 – 493.02	Extrinsic asthma unspecified – Extrinsic asthma With (acute) exacerbation
493.10 – 493.12	Intrinsic asthma unspecified – Intrinsic asthma With (acute) exacerbation
493.20 493.22	Chronic obstructive asthma unspecified - Chronic Obstructive asthma with (acute) exacerbation
493.90 – 493.92	Asthma unspecified – Asthma unspecified with (Acute) exacerbation
691.8	Other atopic dermatitis and related conditions
692.9	Contact dermatitis and other eczema unspecified cause
693.0	Dermatitis due to drugs and medicines taken internally
693.1	Dermatitis due to food taken internally
693.8	Dermatitis due to other specified substances taken internally
693.9	Dermatitis due to unspecified substance taken internally
708.0	Allergic urticaria
708.8	Other specified urticaria
708.9	Unspecified Urticaria
781.1	Disturbances of sensation of smell and taste
782.1	Rash and other nonspecific skin eruption
786.00	Respiratory abnormality unspecified
786.05	Shortness of breath
786.07	Wheezing
786.2	Cough
989.5	Toxic effect of venom
989.82	Toxic effect of latex
995.0	Other anaphylactic shock not elsewhere classified
995.1	Angioneurotic edema not elsewhere classified
995.20 – 995.23	Unspecified adverse effect of unspecified drug, Medicinal and biological substance – unspecified adverse effect of insulin
995.27	Other drug allergy
995.29	Unspecified adverse effect of other drug, medicinal and biological substance
995.3	Allergy unspecified not elsewhere classified
995.60 – 995.69	Anaphylactic shock due to unspecified food- Anaphylactic shock due to other specified food
995.7	Other adverse food reactions not elsewhere classified
	The following list of ICD-9 Codes will be covered for CPT Codes 95004-95028, 95060,95065,and 95070-95075:
372.14	Other chronic allergic conjunctivitis
381.00 – 381.06	Acute nonsuppurative otitis media unspecified- Acute allergic sanguinous otitis media
381.10	Chronic serous otitis media simple or unspecified
381.19	Other chronic serous otitis media

381.3	Other and unspecified chronic nonsuppurative otitis media
381.4	Nonsuppurative otitis media not specified as acute or chronic
381.50 – 381.52	Eustachian salpingitis unspecified – Chronic Eustachian salpingitis
466.0	Acute bronchitis
471.0	Polyp of nasal cavity
471.1	Polypoid sinus degeneration
471.8	Other polyp of sinus
471.9	Unspecified nasal polyp
472.0	Chronic rhinitis
474.00 – 474.02	Chronic tonsillitis – chronic tonsillitis and Adenoiditis
474.10 – 474.12	Hypertrophy of tonsil with adenoids – Hypertrophy of adenoids alone
477.0	Allergic rhinitis due to pollen
477.1	Allergic rhinitis due to food
477.2	Allergic rhinitis due to animal (cat) (dog) hair and dander
477.8	Allergic rhinitis due to other allergen
477.9	Allergic rhinitis cause unspecified
478.11	Nasal mucositis (ulcerative)
478.19	Other disease of nasal cavity and sinuses
493.00 – 493.02	Extrinsic asthma unspecified – extrinsic asthma With (acute) exacerbation
493.10 – 493.12	Intrinsic asthma unspecified – intrinsic asthma With (acute) exacerbation
493.20 – 493.22	Chronic obstructive asthma unspecified – chronic Obstructive asthma with (acute) exacerbation
493.90 – 493.92	Asthma unspecified – Asthma unspecified with (Acute) exacerbation
599.82	Intrinsic (urethral) sphincter deficiency [ISD]
691.8	Other atopic dermatitis and related conditioning
693.0	Dermatitis due to drugs and medicines taken internally
693.1	Dermatitis due to food taken internally
693.8	Dermatitis due to other specified substances taken internally
693.9	Dermatitis due to unspecified substance taken internally
698.9	Unspecified pruritic disorder
708.0	Allergic Urticaria
708.8	Other specified urticaria
708.9	Unspecified urticaria
781.1	Disturbances of sensation of smell and taste
782.1	Rash and other nonspecific skin eruption
786.00	Respiratory abnormality unspecified

786.05	Shortness of breath
786.07	Wheezing
786.2	Cough
989.5	Toxic effect of venom
989.81- 989.83	Toxic effect of asbestos – toxic effect of silicone
989.89	Toxic effect of other substances chiefly nonmedicinals as to source not elsewhere classified
995.0	Other anaphylactic shock not elsewhere classified
995.1	Angioneurotic edema not elsewhere classified
995.20 – 995.23	Unspecified adverse effect of unspecified drug, medicinal and biological substance – unspecified adverse effect of insulin
995.27	Other drug allergy
995.29	Unspecified adverse effect of other drug medicinal and biological substance
995.3	Allergy unspecified not elsewhere classified
995.4	Shock due to anesthesia not elsewhere classified
995.60 – 995.69	Anaphylactic shock due to unspecified food – Anaphylactic shock due to other specified food
995.7	Other adverse food reactions not elsewhere classified

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Code	Description
	The following list of ICD-9-CM codes will be covered for CPT Codes 95044, 950.52, and 95056:
277.1	Disorders of porphyrin metabolism
691.8	Other atopic dermatitis and related conditions
692.0	Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to detergents
692.1	Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to oils and greases
692.2	Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to solvents
692.3	Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to drugs and medicines in contact with skin
692.4	Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to other chemical products
692.5	Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to food in contact with skin
692.6	Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to plants (except food)
692.70 – 692.74	Unspecified dermatitis due to sun – other chronic Dermatitis due to solar radiation
692.79	Other dermatitis due to solar radiation
692.81 – 692.84	Dermatitis due to cosmetics – contact dermatitis And other eczema due to animal (cat) (dog) dander
692.89	Contact dermatitis and other eczema due to other specified agents
692.9	Contact dermatitis and other eczema unspecified cause
695.89	Other specified erythematous conditions
695.9	Unspecified erythematous condition
698.9	Unspecified pruritic disorder
705.81	Dyshidrosis
	The following list of ICD-9-CM codes will be covered for CPT Codes 95070, 95071, and 95075 (for metabisulfite or drug testing only)

493.00 – 493.02	Extrinsic asthma unspecified – extrinsic asthma With (acute) exacerbation
493.10 – 493.12	Intrinsic asthma unspecified – intrinsic asthma With (acute) exacerbation
493.20 – 493.22	Chronic obstructive asthma unspecified – chronic Obstructive asthma with (acute) exacerbation
493.90 – 493.92	Asthma unspecified – asthma unspecified with (Acute) exacerbation
786.05	Shortness of breath
786.07	Wheezing
786.2	Cough
995.0	Other anaphylactic shock not elsewhere classified
995.1	Angioneurotic edema not elsewhere classified
995.20 – 995.23	Unspecified adverse effect of unspecified drug, Medicinal and biological substance – unspecified adverse effect of insulin
995.27	Other drug allergy
995.29	Unspecified adverse effect of other drug, medicinal and biological substance
995.3	Allergy unspecified not elsewhere classified
995.4	Shock due to anesthesia not elsewhere classified

Indications and Limitations of coverage and/or Medical Necessity

Allergy refers to conditions in which immune responses to environmental antigens cause tissue inflammation and organ dysfunction. Allergy testing is performed to determine immunologic sensitivity or reaction to antigens for the purpose of identifying the cause of the allergic state. This policy addresses immediate (Ige-mediated) hypersensitivity and delayed (cell mediated) hypersensitivity. In vivo allergy sensitivity testing correlates the performance and evaluation of selective cutaneous and mucus membrane tests with the patient's history, physical examination, and other observations. Immediate hypersensitivity may also be tested in vitro by measurement of allergen-specific serum Ige. Under certain limited conditions, this is covered by Medicare Part B. Immediate hypersensitivity skin testing is important in the diagnosis of IgE mediated inhalant, food, venom; and penicillin allergies, delayed dermatitis and the clinical evaluation of cell-mediated immunity.

Indications

Allergy testing is allowed when it has proven efficacy as demonstrated through scientifically valid peer reviewed published medical studies.

- A complete medical and immunologic history and appropriate physical examination must be done prior to performing diagnostic testing
- The testing must be performed based on this history and a physical exam, which documents that the antigen being used for testing exists with a reasonable probability of exposure in the patient's environment.
- It would not be expected that all patients would receive the same tests or the same number of sensitivity tests. The number of tests performed must be judicious and related to the history, physical findings, and clinical judgement specific to each individual.