



**Aetna Better Health of Texas  
PROVIDER NOTIFICATION**

Dear Valued Provider,

In a periodic review of our Prior Authorization code listing, please review for the following changes that **will require prior authorization, or not require prior authorization for the for the codes listed**. The change applies to CHIP, STAR and STAR Kids. Codes remain non covered for CHIP Perinate. As always, do not hesitate to contact your Aetna Better Health of Texas Provider Relations Representative with any questions or comments.

Please refer to the provider pre-authorization tool for the most up to date listing of codes requiring a prior authorization

<https://www.aetnabetterhealth.com/texas/providers/prior-authorization.html>

**Please note: This new process may result in a change in how your practice is reimbursed for these services. We urge you to thoroughly review the information in this document and in the attached policy.**

**CHIP**

**Bexar area**

1-866-818-0959 (TTY: 711)

**Tarrant area**

1-800-245-5380 (TTY: 711)

**STAR (Medicaid)**

**Bexar area**

1-800-248-7767 (TTY: 711)

**Tarrant area**

1-800-306-8612 (TTY: 711)

**STAR Kids**

**Dallas and Tarrant areas**

1-844-787-5437 (TTY: 711)

Thank you for your valued partnership in caring for our Aetna Better Health Members.

Sincerely,

Provider Services and Chief Medical Officer  
Aetna Better Health of Texas

**New codes Q4 2024: 46 total CPT codes · 1 code will remain PA No, 45 codes will change from PA No to PA Yes**

**· 58 total HCPCS codes · 14 will remain PA No, 44 codes will change from PA No to PA Yes as recommended by Aetna's new code committee. Effective date for the change is 12/30/2024 for CHIP, STAR, and STAR Kids. Codes remain non cov for CHIP Perinate.**

Code List

**Code will remain PA = No**

Code	Code Description
90624	Meningococcal pentavalent vaccine, Men B-4C recombinant proteins and outer membrane vesicle and conjugated Men A, C, W, Y-diphtheria toxoid carrier, for intramuscular use

**Codes will require prior authorization**

0476U	Drug metabolism, psychiatry (eg, major depressive disorder, general anxiety disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder [ADHD], schizophrenia), whole blood, buccal swab, and pharmacogenomic genotyping of 14 genes and CYP2D6 copy number variant analysis and reported phenotypes
0477U	Drug metabolism, psychiatry (eg, major depressive disorder, general anxiety disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder [ADHD], schizophrenia), whole blood, buccal swab, and pharmacogenomic genotyping of 14 genes and CYP2D6 copy number variant analysis, including impacted gene-drug interactions and reported phenotypes
0478U	Oncology (non-small cell lung cancer), DNA and RNA, digital PCR analysis of 9 genes (EGFR, KRAS, BRAF, ALK, ROS1, RET, NTRK 1/2/3, ERBB2, and MET) in formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue, interrogation for single-nucleotide variants, insertions/deletions, gene rearrangements, and reported as actionable detected variants for therapy selection
0479U	Tau, phosphorylated, pTau217
0480U	Infectious disease (bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites), cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), metagenomic next-generation sequencing (DNA and RNA), bioinformatic analysis, with positive pathogen identification
0481U	IDH1 (isocitrate dehydrogenase 1 [NADP+]), IDH2 (isocitrate dehydrogenase 2 [NADP+]), and TERT (telomerase reverse transcriptase) promoter (eg, central nervous system [CNS] tumors), next-generation sequencing (single-nucleotide variants [SNV], deletions, and insertions)
0482U	Obstetrics (preeclampsia), biochemical assay of soluble fmslike tyrosine kinase 1 (sFlt-1) and placental growth factor (PlGF), serum, ratio reported for sFlt1/PlGF, with risk of progression for preeclampsia with severe features within 2 weeks
0483U	Infectious disease (Neisseria gonorrhoeae), sensitivity, ciprofloxacin resistance (gyrA S91F point mutation), oral, rectal, or vaginal swab, algorithm reported as probability of fluoroquinolone resistance
0484U	Infectious disease (Mycoplasma genitalium), macrolide sensitivity (23S rRNA point mutation), oral, rectal, or vaginal swab, algorithm reported as probability of macrolide resistance
0485U	Oncology (solid tumor), cell-free DNA and RNA by next-generation sequencing, interpretative report for germline mutations, clonal hematopoiesis of indeterminate potential, and tumor-derived single-nucleotide variants, small insertions/deletions, copy number alterations, fusions, microsatellite instability, and tumor mutational burden

0486U	Oncology (pan-solid tumor), nextgeneration sequencing analysis of tumor methylation markers present in cell-free circulating tumor DNA, algorithm reported as quantitative measurement of methylation as a correlate of tumor fraction
0487U	Oncology (solid tumor), cell-free circulating DNA, targeted genomic sequence analysis panel of 84 genes, interrogation for sequence variants, aneuploidycorrected gene copy number amplifications and losses, gene rearrangements, and microsatellite instability
0488U	Obstetrics (fetal antigen noninvasive prenatal test), cellfree DNA sequence analysis for detection of fetal presence or absence of 1 or more of the Rh, C, c, D, E, Duffy (Fya), or Kell (K) antigen in alloimmunized pregnancies, reported as selected antigen(s) detected or not detected
0489U	Obstetrics (single-gene noninvasive prenatal test), cellfree DNA sequence analysis of 1 or more targets (eg, CFTR, SMN1, HBB, HBA1, HBA2) to identify paternally inherited pathogenic variants, and relative mutation-dosage analysis based on molecular counts to determine fetal inheritance of maternal mutation, algorithm reported as a fetal risk score for the condition (eg, cystic fibrosis, spinal muscular atrophy, beta hemoglobinopathies [including sickle cell disease], alpha thalassemia)
0490U	Oncology (cutaneous or uveal melanoma), circulating tumor cell selection, morphological characterization and enumeration based on differential CD146, high molecular-weight melanomaassociated antigen, CD34 and CD45 protein biomarkers, peripheral blood
0491U	Oncology (solid tumor), circulating tumor cell selection, morphological characterization and enumeration based on differential epithelial cell adhesion molecule (EpCAM), cytokeratins 8, 18, and 19, CD45 protein biomarkers, and quantification of estrogen receptor (ER) protein biomarker-expressing cells, peripheral blood
0492U	Oncology (solid tumor), circulating tumor cell selection, morphological characterization and enumeration based on differential epithelial cell adhesion molecule (EpCAM), cytokeratins 8, 18, and 19, CD45 protein biomarkers, and quantification of PD-L1 protein biomarkerexpressing cells, peripheral blood
0493U	Transplantation medicine, quantification of donor-derived cell-free DNA (cfDNA) using nextgeneration sequencing, plasma, reported as percentage of donorderived cell-free DNA

0494U	Red blood cell antigen (fetal RhD gene analysis), next-generation sequencing of circulating cell-free DNA (cfDNA) of blood in pregnant individuals known to be RhD negative, reported as positive or negative
0495U	Oncology (prostate), analysis of circulating plasma proteins (tPSA, fPSA, KLK2, PSP94, and GDF15), germline polygenic risk score (60 variants), clinical information (age, family history of prostate cancer, prior negative prostate biopsy), algorithm reported as risk of likelihood of detecting clinically significant prostate cancer
0496U	Oncology (colorectal), cell-free DNA, 8 genes for mutations, 7 genes for methylation by real-time RT-PCR, and 4 proteins by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay, blood, reported positive or negative for colorectal cancer or advanced adenoma risk
0497U	Oncology (prostate), mRNA geneexpression profiling by real-time RT-PCR of 6 genes (FOX1, MCM3, MTUS1, TTC21B, ALAS1, and PPP2CA), utilizing formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue, algorithm reported as a risk score for prostate cancer
0498U	Oncology (colorectal), nextgeneration sequencing for mutation detection in 43 genes and methylation pattern in 45 genes, blood, and formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue, report of variants and methylation pattern with interpretation
0499U	Oncology (colorectal and lung), DNA from formalin-fixed paraffinembedded (FFPE) tissue, nextgeneration sequencing of 8 genes (NRAS, EGFR, CTNNB1, PIK3CA, APC, BRAF, KRAS, and TP53), mutation detection
0500U	Autoinflammatory disease (VEXAS syndrome), DNA, UBA1 gene mutations, targeted variant analysis (M41T, M41V, M41L, c.118-2A>C, c.118-1G>C, c.1189_118-2del, S56F, S621C)
0501U	Oncology (colorectal), blood, quantitative measurement of cellfree DNA (cfDNA)
0502U	Human papillomavirus (HPV), E6/E7 markers for high-risk types (16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, 66, and 68), cervical cells, branched-chain capture hybridization, reported as negative or positive for high risk for HPV
0503U	Neurology (Alzheimer disease), beta amyloid (A $\beta$ 40, A $\beta$ 42, A $\beta$ 42/40 ratio) and tau-protein (ptau217, np-tau217, ptau217/nptau217 ratio), blood, immunoprecipitation with quantitation by liquid chromatography with tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS), algorithm score reported as likelihood of positive or negative for amyloid plaques

0504U	Infectious disease (urinary tract infection), identification of 17 pathologic organisms, urine, realtime PCR, reported as positive or negative for each organism
0505U	Infectious disease (vaginal infection), identification of 32 pathogenic organisms, swab, real-time PCR, reported as positive or negative for each organism
0506U	Gastroenterology (Barrett's esophagus), esophageal cells, DNA methylation analysis by next-generation sequencing of at least 89 differentially methylated genomic regions, algorithm reported as likelihood for Barrett's esophagus
0507U	Oncology (ovarian), DNA, wholegenome sequencing with 5hydroxymethylcytosine (5hmC) enrichment, using whole blood or plasma, algorithm reported as cancer detected or not detected
0508U	Transplantation medicine, quantification of donor-derived cell-free DNA using 40 singlenucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs), plasma, and urine, initial evaluation reported as percentage of donor-derived cellfree DNA with risk for active rejection
0509U	Transplantation medicine, quantification of donor-derived cell-free DNA using up to 12 single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) previously identified, plasma, reported as percentage of donor-derived cell-free DNA with risk for active rejection
0510U	Oncology (pancreatic cancer), augmentative algorithmic analysis of 16 genes from previously sequenced RNA wholetranscriptome data, reported as probability of predicted molecular subtype
0511U	Oncology (solid tumor), tumor cell culture in 3D microenvironment, 36 or more drug panel, reported as tumor-response prediction for each drug
0512U	Oncology (prostate), augmentative algorithmic analysis of digitized whole-slide imaging of histologic features for microsatellite instability (MSI) status, formalin-fixed paraffinembedded (FFPE) tissue, reported as increased or decreased probability of MSI-high (MSI-H)
0513U	Oncology (prostate), augmentative algorithmic analysis of digitized whole-slide imaging of histologic features for microsatellite instability (MSI) and homologous recombination deficiency (HRD) status, formalinixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue, reported as increased or decreased probability of each biomarker

0514U	Gastroenterology (irritable bowel disease [IBD]), immunoassay for quantitative determination of adalimumab (ADL) levels in venous serum in patients undergoing adalimumab therapy, results reported as a numerical value as micrograms per milliliter (µg/mL)
0515U	Gastroenterology (irritable bowel disease [IBD]), immunoassay for quantitative determination of infliximab (IFX) levels in venous serum in patients undergoing infliximab therapy, results reported as a numerical value as micrograms per milliliter (µg/mL)
0516U	Drug metabolism, whole blood, pharmacogenomic genotyping of 40 genes and CYP2D6 copy number variant analysis, reported as metabolizer status
0517U	Therapeutic drug monitoring, 80 or more psychoactive drugs or substances, LC-MS/MS, plasma, qualitative and quantitative therapeutic minimally and maximally effective dose of prescribed and non-prescribed medications
0518U	Therapeutic drug monitoring, 90 or more pain and mental health drugs or substances, LC-MS/MS, plasma, qualitative and quantitative therapeutic minimally effective range of prescribed and non-prescribed medications
0519U	Therapeutic drug monitoring, medications specific to pain, depression, and anxiety, LCMS/MS, plasma, 110 or more drugs or substances, qualitative and quantitative therapeutic minimally effective range of prescribed, non-prescribed, and illicit medications in circulation
0520U	Therapeutic drug monitoring, 200 or more drugs or substances, LCMS/MS, plasma, qualitative and quantitative therapeutic minimally effective range of prescribed and non-prescribed medications

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J1171	Injection, hydromorphone, 0.1 mg
J2002	Injection, lidocaine hcl in 5% dextrose, 1 mg
J2003	Injection, lidocaine hydrochloride, 1 mg
J2004	Injection, lidocaine hcl with epinephrine, 1 mg
J2252	Injection, midazolam in 0.8% sodium chloride, intravenous, not therapeutically equivalent to J2250, 1 mg

J2253	Injection, midazolam (seizalam), 1 mg
J2601	Injection, vasopressin (baxter), 1 unit
J8541	Dexamethasone (hemady), oral, 0.25 mg
L1006	Scoliosis orthosis, sagittal-coronal control provided by a rigid lateral frame, extends from axilla to trochanter, includes all accessory pads, straps and interface, prefabricated item that has been trimmed, bent, molded, assembled, or otherwise customized to fit a specific patient by an individual with expertise
L1653	Hip orthosis, bilateral thigh cuffs with adjustable abductor spreader bar, adult size, prefabricated, off the shelf
L1821	Knee orthosis, elastic with condylar pads and joints, with or without patellar control, prefabricated, off the shelf
P9027	Red blood cells, leukocytes reduced, oxygen/ carbon dioxide reduced, each unit
Q0519	Pharmacy supplying fee for hiv pre-exposure prophylaxis fda approved prescription injectable drug, per 30-days
Q0520	Pharmacy supplying fee for hiv pre-exposure prophylaxis fda approved prescription injectable drug, per 60-days

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A2027	Matriderm, per square centimeter
A2028	Micromatrix flex, per mg
A2029	Mirotract wound matrix sheet, per cubic centimeter
A4543	Supplies for transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulator, for nerves in the auricular region, per month
A4544	Electrode for external lower extremity nerve stimulator for restless legs syndrome
A4545	Supplies and accessories for external tibial nerve stimulator (e.g., socks, gel pads, electrodes, etc.), needed for one month

A7021	Supplies and accessories for lung expansion airway clearance, continuous high frequency oscillation, and nebulization device (e.g., handset, nebulizer kit, biofilter)
A9610	Xenon xe-129 hyperpolarized gas, diagnostic, per study dose
C8000	Support device, extravascular, for arteriovenous fistula (implantable)
C9169	Injection, nogapendekin alfa inbakicept-pmln, for intravesical use, 1 microgram
C9170	Injection, tarlatamab-dlle, 1 mg
C9171	Injection, pegulicianine, 1 mg
C9172	Injection, fidanacogene elaparvovec-dzkt, per therapeutic dose
E0469	Lung expansion airway clearance, continuous high frequency oscillation, and nebulization device
E0683	Non-pneumatic, non-sequential, peristaltic wave compression pump
E0715	Intravaginal device intended to strengthen pelvic floor muscles during kegel exercises
E0716	Supplies and accessories for intravaginal device intended to strengthen pelvic floor muscles during kegel exercises
E0721	Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulatory, stimulates nerves in the auricular region
E0737	Transcutaneous tibial nerve stimulator, controlled by phone application
E0743	External lower extremity nerve stimulator for restless legs syndrome, each
E0767	Intrabuccal, systemic delivery of amplitude-modulated, radiofrequency electromagnetic field device, for cancer treatment, includes all accessories
E2513	Accessory for speech generating device, electromyographic sensor



E3200	Gait modulation system, rhythmic auditory stimulation, including restricted therapy software, all components and accessories, prescription only
J0138	Injection, acetaminophen 10 mg and ibuprofen 3 mg
J0175	Injection, donanemab-azbt, 2 mg
J1749	Injection, iloprost, 0.1 mcg
J8522	Capecitabine, oral, 50 mg
J9329	Injection, tislelizumab-jsgr, 1mg
L8720	External lower extremity sensory prosthesis, cutaneous stimulation of mechanoreceptors proximal to the ankle, per leg
L8721	Receptor sole for use with L8720, replacement, each
Q4334	Amnioplast 1, per square centimeter
Q4335	Amnioplast 2, per square centimeter
Q4336	Artacent c, per square centimeter
Q4337	Artacent trident, per square centimeter
Q4338	Artacent velos, per square centimeter
Q4339	Artacent vericlen, per square centimeter
Q4340	Simpligraft, per square centimeter
Q4341	Simplimax, per square centimeter
Q4342	Theramend, per square centimeter
Q4343	Dermacyte ac matrix amniotic membrane allograft, per square centimeter
Q4344	Tri-membrane wrap, per square centimeter
Q4345	Matrix hd allograft dermis, per square centimeter
Q5135	Injection, tocilizumab-aazg (tyenne), biosimilar, 1 mg
Q5136	Injection, denosumab-bbdz (jubbonti/wyost), biosimilar, 1 mg