Aetna Better Health® of New Jersey

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Dear Provider,

Effective **February 1, 2025**, Aetna Better Health® of New Jersey will change the way these two laboratory codes are reviewed and paid.

These two codes will no longer be managed through the prior authorization process. They will be managed **By Report** at the time of claim submission. That is, claims will be reviewed and approved based on appropriate diagnosis. These claims will pend to our Payment, Integrity, Appeals & Banking (PIAB) Team who will review:

- Aetna CPB (https://www.aetna.com/health-care-professionals/clinical-policy-bulletins.html); and
- Medical necessity review based on appropriate diagnosis codes

If claim is not submitted with an appropriate diagnosis, the claim will be denied. Claim may be resubmitted with medical records attached or a revised claim.

Please refer to the list below for the codes covered by this process.

| Code | Description |
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| | Infectious disease, bacterial vaginosis, quantitative real-time amplification |
| | of RNA markers for Atopobium vaginae, Gardnerella vaginalis, and |
| | Lactobacillus species, utilizing vaginal-fluid specimens, algorithm reported |
| 81513 | as a positive or negative result for bacterial vaginosis. |
| | Infectious disease, bacterial vaginosis and vaginitis, quantitative real-time |
| | amplification of DNA markers for Gardnerella vaginalis, Atopobium |
| | vaginae, Megasphaera type 1, Bacterial Vaginosis Associated Bacteria-2 |
| | (BVAB-2), and Lactobacillus species (L. crispatus and L. jensenii), utilizing |
| | vaginal-fluid specimens, algorithm reported as a positive or negative for |
| | high likelihood of bacterial vaginosis, includes separate detection of |
| | Trichomonas vaginalis and/or Candida species (C. albicans, C. tropicalis, |
| | C. parapsilosis, C. dubliniensis), Candida glabrata, Candida krusei, when |
| 81514 | reported. |