



Coverage of Respiratory Viral Panels (87631, 87632 and 87633)

Effective September 1, 2024, Louisiana Medicaid covers CPT codes 87631, 87632, and 87633 for respiratory viral panels. Please review the details below:

- CPT 87631 is deemed medically necessary for:
 - Infants receiving monthly RSV prophylaxis with palivizumab due to high-risk conditions (e.g., prematurity, respiratory or cardiac disease).
 - Long-term care facility residents or individuals returning to congregate settings.
 - Primary care physicians can perform this 3-5 panel test if medically necessary.
- CPT 87632 and 87633 is deemed potentially medically necessary for:
 - Beneficiaries with serious or critical illness, immunodeficiency, or severe underlying conditions.
 - Approved Places of Service (POS):
 - POS 19: Off-campus outpatient hospital
 - POS 21: Inpatient hospital
 - POS 22: On-campus outpatient hospital
 - POS 23: Emergency room
- Ordering Requirements:
 - For immune-competent beneficiaries, tests must be ordered by an infectious disease specialist or pulmonologist.
 - For immune-compromised beneficiaries, tests must be ordered by specialists in infectious diseases, oncology, transplant, or pulmonology.
 - Exceptions apply for rural areas with limited access to specialists.
 - Please note in rural areas where specialists are not easily accessible, an exception allows tests to be ordered by a closer provider if the beneficiary is under the care of an infectious disease, oncology, transplant, or pulmonology specialist. This is specifically for beneficiaries with limited access to clinical specialists.

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