



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

# Molecular Genetic Pathology Lab Codes



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# Mission

## The Georgia Department of Community Health

We will provide Georgians with access to affordable, quality health care through effective planning, purchasing and oversight.

*We are dedicated to A Healthy Georgia.*

# Molecular Genetic Pathology Lab Codes

Genetic testing falls into three major categories:

1. Biochemical Genetic Testing: Newborn errors of metabolism. State mandated testing of 38 genetic tests.
2. Cytogenetics Testing: Generally chromosomal conditions that are needed for testing to receive medically necessary interventions.
3. Molecular Genetic Testing: Single or multi-genes testing for a diagnosis and medical treatment plan.



- Stacking genetic lab codes were terminated by CMS December 31, 2012.
- New molecular genetic pathology lab codes effective January 1, 2013.
- Major quandary for healthcare industry with new genetic lab pathology codes.
- No crosswalk of old stacking codes to the new genetic pathology lab codes.

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**Prothrombin - F2 Gene Analysis,  
20210>A Variant**

Old stacking lab codes (5 indiv. tests)

2012 CPT Codes

83892, 83894, 83898, 83912, 83891

2013 New Genetic CPT Code

81240

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## Cystic Fibrosis Gene Analysis (CF97)

Old stacking lab codes (6 indiv. tests)

### 2012 CPT Codes

83891, 83900, 83912, 83892x2, 83914x97

83901x21

### 2013 New Genetic CPT Code

81220

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## DCH Considerations:

1. Immediate need to address newborn genetic tests that are mandated by GA law (ages  $0 < 21$  years).
2. Genetic tests that GA Medicaid paid under the 2012 stacking codes that now need to be identified to their new genetic pathology lab codes for adult members ( $>$  age 21 years).
3. Concerns of new genomic tests coming on the market for coverage and payment.

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Several new genetic tests that DCH has been approached to consider coverage:

1. MaterniT21 - CPT 81479 – unlisted genetic CPT- a non-invasive prenatal [antenatal] test for fetal DNA abnormality.
2. Oncotype DX for breast cancer gene markers – unlisted genetic CPT 84999 or use CPT S3854 for specific tracking of utilization and costs.

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Questions?

