



## ANALYSIS AND FINDING

Based on review of the case file the following is noted:

- **ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Provider dissatisfied with reimbursement of code 82486**
- The Provider billed CPT code 82486 x 40 units for date of service 07/16/2013. Provider's application submitted shows he was reimbursed \$27.90 and is seeking additional reimbursement of \$1107.26.
- Claims Administrator bundled the billed procedure code 82486 into HCPCS G0431 indicating the following: "The procedure code billed does not accurately describe the services performed. Reimbursement was made for a code that is supported by the description and documentation submitted with the billing; the charge for this procedure exceeds the Fee Schedule allowance; Allowance based on maximum number of units allowed per Fee Schedule guidelines and/or service code description."
- Explanation of Review submitted shows Provider was reimbursed \$119.94 for HCPCS code G0431 and was received on 12/11/2013.
- Provider submitted laboratory results for the CPT code documenting qualitative test results for the following drug categories: Narcotics/Analgesics 10 chemicals, Opiates 4 chemicals, Oxycodone 2 chemicals, Methadone 1 chemical, Benzodiazepines 11 chemicals, Barbiturates 1 chemical, Amphetamines 1 chemical, Tricyclic Antidepressants 3 chemicals, Antidepressants 5 chemicals, Neuropathic 2 chemicals and Sedatives/Hypnotics 2 chemicals.
- Provider billed laboratory services on a CMS-1500 form with CPT 82486 x 40 along with ICD-9 959.9 (injury; unspecified site) and V58.83 (Encounter for therapeutic drug monitoring).
- No documents have been submitted to support the necessity for CPT 82486 x 40. Only CMS-1500 form and 2 page lab results of the aforementioned chemicals can be taken into consideration during this review
- The Provider conducted drug screening tests utilizing the Chromatography method. The HCPCS code G0431 can be used for any method. The HCPCS code G0431 is reported with only one unit of service regardless of the number of drugs screened. The testing described by G0431 includes all CLIA high complexity urine drug screen testing as well as any less complex urine drug screen testing performed at the same patient encounter.
- HCPCS G0431: Drug screen qualitative; multiple drug classes by high complexity test method (e.g. immunoassay, enzyme assay), per patient encounter.
  
- **DETERMINATION OF ISSUE IN DISPUTE: Based on the documentation submitted, the code assignment and reimbursement of HCPCS G0431, the Claims Administrator was correct. No additional reimbursement is recommended for CPT 82486. There is no additional reimbursement warranted for the Official Medical Fee Schedule codes 82486 (G0431).**

Chart below provides a comparison of billed charges and reimbursement rates for the codes and date of service at issue.

Service Code	Provider Billed	Plan Allowed	Dispute Amount	Units	Workers' Comp Allowed Amount	Notes
<i>Date of Service – 07/16/2013</i> <i>Pathology and Clinical Laboratory</i>						
G0431	\$1135.16	\$119.94	\$1107.26	1	\$119.94	<b>DISPUTED SERVICE – No additional reimbursement recommended.</b>

**Determination: UPHOLD**

**Chief Coding Specialist Decision Rationale:**

This decision was based on medical record, explanation of review and comparison with Official Medical Fee Schedule Pathology and Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule. This was determined correctly by the Claims Administrator and the payment of \$119.94 is upheld.

This decision constitutes the final determination of the Division of Workers' Compensation Administrative Director, is binding on all parties, and is not subject to further appeal except as specified in Labor Code section 4603.6(f)

Sincerely,

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