

December 2019

Severe combined immunodeficiency testing and reimbursement

Effective November 1, 2019, Healthy Blue covers testing for severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID). This will be part of the required newborn screening and is subject to the newborn screening restrictions as indicated in LDH policy.

Testing for SCID will be reimbursable under CPT[®] code 81479. This code is to be used for this purpose until a permanent procedure code is in place.

Healthy Blue is updating systems accordingly to accommodate these changes. We will have completed system updates by November 13, 2019. Claims for Dates of Service November 1st – November 13th will be recycled with no action needed by the provider.

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **1-844-521-6942**.

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