



ALLERGY IMMUNOTHERAPY – ALLERGY TESTING

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This provider manual outlines policy and claims submission guidelines for claims submitted to the North Dakota Health Enterprise MMIS.

COVERED SERVICES

- Professional services to administer the allergenic extract.
- Providing injectable allergenic extract.
- Professional services to monitor the member's injection site and observe the member for an anaphylactic reaction.
- Allergy Testing.
- Provision of inhalants (an inhalant is a pharmaceutical).

NON-COVERED SERVICES

ND Medicaid does not cover the administration of oral preparations used to treat food allergies (e.g., food drops, etc.) or other allergy services not recognized as a medical standard for the provision of allergy immunotherapy.

COVERED LIMITATIONS

Allergenic extracts may be administered with either one injection or multiple injections. Documentation in the member's health record must support the number of injections administered.

Only physicians who perform the refinement of raw antigens to allergenic extract may bill for the service. This service involves the sterile preparation of an allergenic extract by titration, filters, etc. and checking the integrity of the extract by cultures or other qualitative methods. Purchasing refined antigen, measuring dosages, and adding diluents is not refining raw antigens.

Adding diluents, as in any other medication administration service, is not a separately covered service. This service is an integral part of the professional services for providing an allergenic extract.

The reimbursement of the injection administration will include and will reflect the monitoring of the injection site and the observation of the member for anaphylactic reaction. A separate office visit charge for the provision of allergy services is not allowed unless other identifiable services are performed such as physical examinations including vital signs, review of systems, laboratory services, or obtaining a history of current symptoms or illness.

The coding guidelines are available at:

www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/cpt.html

BILLING GUIDELINES

Providers must bill for services using the North Dakota Web Portal using the electronic claims submission web pages or Electronic Data Exchange transaction. The claim must include a valid National Provider Identification number (NPI) and taxonomy code.