

PROVIDER ALERT

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES
General Assistance Behavioral Health Program (GABHP)

PROGRAM UPDATE

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Clarification of Practice Guidelines – Quantification Testing for Drugs of Abuse

The GA Behavioral Health Program would like to provide clarification regarding practice guidelines for use of the following CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) laboratory procedure codes related to quantification testing for drugs of abuse and DMHAS' expectations. Examples of quantification tests for drugs of abuse include:

- 80154 – Assay – Benzodiazepines
- 83840 – Methadone
- 82055 – Alcohol (ethanol)
- 82145 – Amphetamine or methamphetamine
- 82742 - Flurazepam
- 80299 – Quantification of drug, not elsewhere specified
- 82520 – Cocaine or Metabolite
- 83925 – Opiates
- 82075 – Alcohol (ethanol) breath
- 82205 - Barbiturates
- 83992 – Phencyclidine (PCP)

Effective August 1, 2009, a GA BHP contracted laboratory must have a requisition order on file for the quantification tests listed above. Additionally, there is an expectation that there is a specific physician's order, rather than a standing order for quantification testing. A copy of the physician's requisition order should be placed in the individual's clinical service record indicating the date and specific tests to be performed. This is based on an understanding of the importance of a periodic review of the individual's participation and progress in treatment and the need for an individualized recovery plan.

If you have any questions related to this Provider Alert, please contact the DMHAS GA Project Director, Bill Halsey, at (860) 418-6747 or via email at William.Halsey@po.state.ct.us.