

Provider Claim (Issue/Update) Notification

Notification Date: 8/27/25

To: All Providers

From: MDwise Provider Relations

Subject: Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Testing Payment Policy

Effective Date: 10/15/25

Summary

MDwise is implementing a **NEW** payment policy for STI Testing. The full reimbursement policy can be found on the MDwise website on the [Billing and Claims](#) page. This new policy applies to Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing services. MDwise now requires the panel code 87801 for infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA) when multiple organisms are tested. When two or more of the impacted codes listed below are billed for a member on the same date of service, MDwise will automatically reimburse the fee established for the most comprehensive code, CPT 87801.

Impact

Impacted codes:

- **CPT Code 87491** — Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Chlamydia trachomatis, amplified probe technique.
- **CPT Code 87591** — Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Neisseria gonorrhoeae, amplified probe technique.
- **CPT Code 87661** — Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Trichomonas vaginalis, amplified probe technique.
- **CPT Code 87801** — Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA), multiple organisms; amplified probe(s) technique.

Action

For dates of service on or after 10/15/25 MDwise will require providers to follow the Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Testing Payment Policy that can be found on the MDwise website.

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