



Changes in Coverage of Genetic Testing Services

Healthfirst is committed to working with valued providers like you to help our members receive the services they need to stay healthy. As your partner in health, we would like to inform you that we listened to your concerns and have updated the authorization requirements on genetic tests for Medicaid members accordingly.

Effective immediately, the following genetic test codes will NO LONGER require preauthorization:

| GENETIC CODES | TEST DESCRIPTION |
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| 81243, 81244 | Fragile X Syndrome |
| 81401 | Prenatal Carrier - Spinal Muscular Atrophy |
| 81420, 81507 | Trisomy 21, 18 & 13 |

The following codes will continue to require preauthorization:

| GENETIC CODES | TEST DESCRIPTION |
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| 81211, 81212, 81214-81217 | Breast Cancer Genetic Test/BRCA1, BRCA2 |
| 87900, 87901, 87903, 87904, 87906, 87999 | HIV Resistance |
| 81519 | Oncotype DX |

To obtain or verify an authorization, you may call the Healthfirst Medical Management Team at **1-888-394-4327**, Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5:30pm. You may also fax your authorization request to 1-646-313-4603 and look up the authorization number in our secure provider portal at www.healthfirst.org.

To ensure that there is no delay in getting the member the services needed, please have all required clinical information available in order for Healthfirst to determine medical necessity for the requested services. When verifying an authorization, if one is not on file, please do not proceed with the test and notify the referring provider immediately. The referring provider is required to obtain authorization for these tests. **Any claims for these services without prior authorization will result in denials.**

At Healthfirst, our commitment to healthcare is stronger than ever. We thank you for participating in the Healthfirst network, and are proud to be your partner in health.