

NOTICE OF MATERIAL CHANGE TO CONTRACT



September 1, 2021

RE: Reimbursement policy update: Drug screen testing – professional

Dear Provider:

Beginning with dates of service on or after **December 1, 2021**, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and our subsidiary company, HMO Colorado (Anthem) will update the policy to indicate that separate reimbursement is not allowed for specimen validity testing when utilized for drug screening because it is included in the CPT and HCPCS code descriptions for presumptive and definitive drug testing. Modifiers will not override this edit; therefore, we have included this information in our distinct procedural services (Modifiers 59, XE, XP, XS, XU) reimbursement policy.

For more information, view this policy online. Go to anthem.com, select **Providers**. Under the *Provider Resources* heading, select **Policies, Guidelines, and Manuals**. Select **Colorado** as your state. Under the *Reimbursement Policies* heading, select [Access Policies](#). Then search for the Policy you would like to view.

Sincerely,

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