



Update: Unlisted Molecular Pathology Reimbursement Guidelines

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Per the American Medical Association guidelines, unlisted molecular pathology CPT code 81479 should only be used for a unique procedure that is not adequately addressed by any other CPT code.

Prior Authorization Requirements

- Prior Authorization is required for all genetic testing services before services are rendered.
- Prior authorization does not guarantee payment of services.

Billing Requirements and Guidelines

To identify the test being completed, providers are required to:

- Submit the molecular pathology procedure performed on the claim.
- Report the unique test ID (e.g., GTR123456789) found in the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Genetic Testing Registry (GTR). For more information, visit: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gtr/>
- Submit the GTR in the appropriate field:
 - Electronic claims: 2400 SV101-7
 - UB-04 paper claims: FL 80
 - Professional paper claims: FL 19

Note: Each code should be limited to one unit. If multiple tests are performed, bill each one on a separate line.