

## MEDICAID POLICY CLARIFICATION #000268 DEVELOPMENT TESTING (G0451)

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To: Iowa Medicaid Managed Care Plans

This letter is a formal notification of the state's expectations related to the operations and implementation of Iowa Medicaid under the managed care program. This purpose of this letter is to do following:

- □ Provide formal guidance
- ☑ Clarification of existing Iowa Medicaid policy
- $\Box$  Guidance on new process or policy
- $\Box$  Request for information

The purpose of this letter is to ensure managed care organizations (MCOs) pay HCPCS code G0451 (Development testing, with interpretation and report, per standardized instrument form) for screening centers. G0451 is available to be billed as a stand-alone code.

Any MCO found to be out of compliance with this clarification policy should reprocess claims for HCPCS code G0451 back to the date the issue was discovered or as determined by the Agency. The MCOs should also update their system to allow G0451 to process as a standalone code. The MCOs are responsible to notify providers if additional information is needed from the providers. The MCOs found to be out of compliance with this clarification policy will allow exception for timely filing as needed.

## **Related Policy Clarifications:**

This policy clarification should be used in correlation with the following policy clarifications:

This formal guidance impacts capitation rates in the following manner:

- $\boxtimes$  This is an Iowa Medicaid practice prior to April 1, 2016 and was included in the experience used to develop the capitation rates.
- $\hfill\square$  This is a new process or policy that does not have a fiscal impact.
- $\Box\,$  This is a new process or policy that will be reflected in revised capitation rates and implemented July I, 2021.