

Coverage and billing guidance: Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing (rWGS)

The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) began covering rapid whole genome sequencing (rWGS) for Medicaid recipients **effective Jan. 1, 2024**.

Who is covered?

Recipients must be:

- 20 years of age or younger;
- have a complex or acute illness of unknown etiology not caused by environmental exposure, toxic ingestion, an infection with normal response to treatment, or trauma, and;
- be receiving inpatient treatment in a hospital ICU or high-acuity pediatric care unit

Do we need to rebill?

For dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2024, claims previously denied for coverage will be reprocessed.

Information for hospitals

Services provided during an inpatient hospital stay must be reimbursed separately from the inpatient diagnostic related group (DRG) payment in accordance with the 2023 General Appropriations Act. Hospitals should:

- Submit claims with Revenue Code 310 (OPH-PATHOLOGY/GENERAL) and the applicable CPT® code in the chart below.
- Additional prior authorization for rWGS during an inpatient hospital stay is not required.

Information for independent laboratories

- Submit claims using the appropriate CPT code as outlined below:

Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing Codes and Fees Effective Jan. 1, 2025		
CPT Code	CPT description	Florida Fee Schedule*
81425	Test for detecting genes associated with disease, genome sequencing analysis	\$2,716.85
81426	Test for detecting genes associated with disease, genome sequencing analysis, each additional comparator genome	\$1,463.37
81427	Reevaluation test of previously obtained genome sequencing	\$1,262.33

*Fee schedule is subject to change

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