

July 14, 2017

Dear Valued Provider,

We wish to inform you of an **important change to Medicare coverage** of saliva based testing. Noridan Health Care has released a Local Coverage Determination (LCD) pertaining to the measurement of hormones via saliva. Medicare will consider salivary cortisol collected in the evening for diagnosis of Cushing's syndrome as the only medically necessary and reasonable hormone measurement from salivary fluid. All other determinations of salivary hormones (e.g., thyroid, testosterone, estrogen, parathyroid, growth hormone, etc.) will be considered investigational.

This policy change is effective July 21, 2017.

Due to contract requirements, DiagnosTechs will continue to bill Medicare for **all** testing from eligible patients. All Medicare patients will be required to complete an Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) prior to results being released. These forms are located on our website at: <http://www.diagnostechs.com/Pages/Forms.aspx>.

ICD-10 Codes provided by Noridian that *May* Support Medical Necessity

| ICD-10 Code | Description |
|-------------|---|
| E24.0 | Pituitary-dependent Cushing's disease |
| E24.2 | Drug-induced Cushing's syndrome |
| E24.3 | Ectopic ACTH syndrome |
| E24.4 | Alcohol-induced pseudo-Cushing's syndrome |
| E24.8 | Other Cushing's syndrome |
| E24.9 | Cushing's syndrome, unspecified |
| E27.0 | Other adrenocortical overactivity |

For more information about this change in Medicare coverage, please see:

Noridian Reference Material

LCD ID L36857

LCD Title Measurement of Salivary Hormones

IMPORTANT NOTE: This LCD determination will not change any current protocol for stool or urine billing. Diagnos-Techs regrets that most saliva-based hormone testing are no longer covered by Medicare; however, the decision is beyond our control.

Regards,
 Billing Department
 Diagnos-Techs, Inc.

