Allergy Billing Answer Sheet

Premium Reference Guide for Allergy Testing & Billing

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1. Allergy Testing & Treatment CPT Codes

- 95004 – Percutaneous allergy testing. Medicare MUE: 80 units/day. Requires DIRECT SUPERVISION (provider must be in the office suite and immediately available).
- 95024 – Intradermal allergy testing. Medicare MUE: 20 units/day.
- 95115 – Single injection immunotherapy.
- 95117 – Two or more injections.
- 95165 – Antigen preparation. Medicare MUE: 30 units/day.

2. Top 10 Diagnosis Codes for Medical Necessity

- J30.1 – Allergic rhinitis due to pollen
- J30.2 – Other seasonal allergic rhinitis
- J30.89 – Other allergic rhinitis
- J30.81 – Allergic rhinitis due to animal hair and dander
- J30.5 – Allergic rhinitis due to food
- J31.0 – Chronic rhinitis
- L20.82 – Flexural eczema
- L23.7 – Allergic contact dermatitis due to plants
- T78.40XA – Allergy unspecified
- R09.81 – Nasal congestion

3. Medicare MUEs (Medically Unlikely Edits)

- 95004 – 80 units/day
- 95024 – 20 units/day
- 95165 – 30 units/day
- 95115 – 1 unit per visit
- 95117 – 1 unit per visit

4. Billing Office Visits (E/M) the Same Day as Allergy Testing

- An E/M visit may be billed on the same day only when a separately identifiable service is documented.
- Modifier -25 must be appended to the E/M code.
- Do NOT bill E/M if the encounter was solely for allergy testing.

5. Supervision Requirements for Allergy Testing

- CPT 95004 requires DIRECT SUPERVISION.
- The supervising provider must be present in the office suite and immediately available.
- Provider does not need to be in the room.
- MA, LPN, or RN staff may perform the test under direct supervision.

6. Retesting Frequency & Reimbursement

- Most payers allow retesting every 12 months when medically necessary.
- Some allow every 24 months for stable cases.
- Reasons include new symptoms, exposure changes, relocation, or failed treatment.
- Reimbursed when medical necessity is clearly documented.

7. Who May Perform Allergy Testing

- MA, LPN, and RN may perform allergy testing.
- Provider must order and supervise testing under DIRECT SUPERVISION.
- Documentation must clearly indicate staff and supervising provider.

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