



May 17, 2024

**Re: Medical coverage policy update – Folate testing billed with Current Procedural Terminology codes 82746 and 82747 effective August 17, 2024**

We routinely review our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies for potential updates. In that review, we take into consideration one or more of the following: evidence-based medicine, professional society recommendations, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance, industry standards, and our other existing policies.

As a result of a recent review, we will implement a new medical coverage policy, Serum Folate and Red Blood Cell Folate (0567), for folate testing billed with Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes 82746 and 82747. We will administratively deny CPT code 82746 when billed with a diagnosis code that is not reimbursable. In addition, we will administratively deny CPT code 82747 regardless of the diagnosis, as it is not reimbursable.

Denials will affect the claim line only and include administrative appeal rights. However, a corrected claim should first be submitted for payment for claims billed with CPT code 82746. This update is effective for dates of service on or after August 17, 2024.

**Additional information**

For more information about our policy updates, visit the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website ([CignaforHCP.com](http://CignaforHCP.com)) > Resources > Coverage Policies > Policy Updates.

If you are not a registered user, please register so that you may log in and access all of our coverage, reimbursement, and administrative policies. To register, go to [CignaforHCP.com](http://CignaforHCP.com) and click Register. If you do not have Internet access or would like additional information, call Cigna Healthcare Provider Service at **800.88Cigna (882.4462)**.

Thank you for the care you provide to our customers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie B. Kessel MD".

Julie B. Kessel, MD  
Medical Officer for Coverage Policy  
Clinical Performance & Quality Organization

**At a glance**

- We will administratively deny Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code 82746 when billed with a diagnosis code that is not reimbursable.
- We will administratively deny CPT code 82747 regardless of the diagnosis, as it is not reimbursable.
- A corrected claim may be submitted for payment for claims billed with CPT code 82746.
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