

# Genetic Carrier Screening Billing Information

Your Provider has offered Carrier Screening through LabCorp. Carrier screening is used to detect if you or your partner are carriers of gene mutations known to be linked to inherited genetic disorders. This testing does not cover all possible genetic disorders, but rather checks a select panel of genes for potential mutations.

While this test may be covered by insurance, screening tests are not always considered medically necessary. We work with our lab billing partner, Phyttest, and LabCorp to make this process easy and affordable for you, whether or not your insurance covers testing!

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is a **deductible**?

The annual amount you must pay for covered services before your insurance begins to contribute. When insurance is billed, the out-of-pocket cost may apply towards your deductible. Some individuals may meet their annual deductible if they're receiving significant medical care that year, such as giving birth.

### Does **insurance cover testing**?

Phyttest and LabCorp welcome all health insurance plans. Depending on your insurance plan, you may still have some OOP cost even when insurance covers testing.

### What is an **out-of-pocket (OOP) cost**?

Expenses you are responsible for paying after your insurance finalizes your claim. This includes your deductible. Once you have met your deductible, you may still have an OOP cost, such as co-pays or coinsurance.

### What is **the cost of a carrier screen test**?

Your OOP cost estimate may fall between the range of \$400-\$1800 depending upon your insurance coverage. You have the option to verify your coverage with your insurance before you get the carrier screen test. (*see back*)

### Is **financial assistance offered**?

If you meet financial criteria based on household size and income, you may be eligible for a discount program. After you receive your bill for the carrier screen test, **do not contact your doctor's office for billing assistance**, instead call the appropriate party who sent your bill:

If you received a bill from Phyttest:

**877-943-0205**

If you received a bill from LabCorp:

**844-799-3243**

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Your doctor collects your sample, and LabCorp processes the carrier screen test and sends the results back to your doctor.

2



Phyttest or LabCorp bills your carrier screen test to your insurance and will send you a bill for any remaining OOP costs.

3



After receiving your bill from Phyttest or LabCorp, contact the appropriate party to pay your bill or to see if you qualify for the discount program.

# Verifying Insurance Coverage

You are not required to contact your insurance prior to getting the carrier screen test to verify coverage, but if desired, you will need the following information.

Description	Code
Carrier Screen CPT Code: <i>Additional codes may be used depending on the specific genes tested</i>	
Carrier Screen Panel, 15 or more genes	81443
Ashkenazi Jewish Genomic Sequence Analysis Panel	81412
Cystic Fibrosis	81220
Spinal Muscular Atrophy	81329
Fragile X	81243
Diagnosis codes that may be used:	
Female: Genetic disease carrier status for procreative management	Z31.430
Male: Genetic disease carrier status for procreative management	Z31.440

*If prior authorization is required, do not contact your doctor's office. The billing entity, Phyttest or Labcorp, will obtain the necessary authorization to support your claim.*

## What if your insurance shows a high OOP cost estimate?

If your insurance shows a high out-of-pocket cost estimate, Phyttest and LabCorp may be able to help through financial assistance. We can only review this **after your test is completed**. Please wait until you receive a bill from Phyttest or LabCorp and contact the appropriate party who sent your bill, not your doctor, to see if you qualify for the discount program at:

If you received a bill from Phyttest:

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Use the number on your insurance card to ask for a coverage estimate for your carrier screen test using the CPT and diagnosis codes provided above.

2



Confirm with your doctor you and/or your partner would like a carrier screen test and they will collect a sample to send to LabCorp.

3



After receiving your bill from Phyttest or LabCorp, contact the appropriate party to see if you qualify for the discount program.

Your physician has chosen one of LabCorp's health tests for you. This guide is designed to help you understand the out-of-pocket costs for this test, answer the most common billing questions and serve as a resource for you during the billing process. We are sensitive to the costs associated with having a baby. Your health care provider has recommended this test to you. Phyttest or LabCorp will bill your insurance company directly once the test is completed. Your provider will complete a lab requisition form which will include your subscriber information. Your financial obligation, including coinsurance and deductibles will be determined by your plan.

Patients are responsible for coinsurance and deductibles specified by their health plans.

