

NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS

Naturopathic physicians must use the E/M CPT[®] codes to bill office visit services, CPT[®] codes 99367 and 99441-99444 to bill case management services and the appropriate HCPCS codes to bill for miscellaneous materials and supplies.

USE OF CPT[®] E/M CODES FOR NATUROPATHIC OFFICE VISITS

Naturopathic physicians may bill the first 4 levels of CPT[®] new and established patient office visit codes. L&I uses the CPT[®] definitions for new and established patients. If a provider has treated a patient for any reason within the last 3 years, the person is considered an established patient. Refer to a CPT[®] book for complete code descriptions, definitions and guidelines.

Refer to [Case Management Services](#), page 36 in the Evaluation and Management section for payment criteria and documentation requirements for case management services.

L&I **will not pay** naturopathic physicians for services that are not specifically allowed. Refer to Chapter 296-23 WAC for additional information.

PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY SERVICES

PANEL TESTS

Automated Multichannel Tests

When billing for panels containing automated multichannel tests, performing providers may bill either the panel code or individual test codes, but not both.

The following tests are automated multichannel tests or panels comprised solely of automated multichannel tests:

CPT [®] codes								
80048	80069	82247	82374	82550	82977	84100	84295	84478
80051	80076	82248	82435	82565	83615	84132	84450	84520
80053	82040	82310	82465	82947	84075	84155	84460	84550

Calculating Payment for Automated Tests

The automated individual and panel tests above are paid based on the total number of unduplicated automated multichannel tests performed per day per patient. Calculate the payment according to the following steps:

- When a panel is performed, the CPT[®] codes for each test within the panel are determined;
- The CPT[®] codes for each test in the panel are compared to any individual tests billed separately for that day;
- Any duplicated tests are denied;
- The total number of remaining unduplicated automated tests is counted.

See the following table to determine the payable fee based on the total number of unduplicated automated tests performed.

Number of Tests	Fee
1 Test	Lower of the single test or \$10.65
2 Tests	\$10.65
3 –12 Tests	\$13.06
13 –16 Tests	\$17.44

Number of Tests	Fee
17 – 18 Tests	\$19.54
19 Tests	\$22.61
20 Tests	\$23.32
21 Tests	\$24.07
22 –23 Tests	\$24.81