

Coverage and Billing Guidance for Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing (rWGS)

Effective January 1, 2024, the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) began reimbursing for rapid whole genome sequencing provided to Medicaid recipients.

Who is covered?

UnitedHealthcare Community plan of Florida Medicaid covers rWGS for recipients who:

- Are 20 years of age or younger;
- Have a complex or acute illness of unknown etiology that has not been caused by environmental exposure, toxic ingestion, an infection with normal response to treatment, or trauma, and;
- Are receiving inpatient treatment in a hospital ICU of high-acuity pediatric care unit.

How do I bill?

For dates of service on or after January 1, 2024:

Hospital

Services provided during an inpatient hospital stay must be reimbursed separately from the inpatient diagnostic related group (DRG) payment in accordance with the 2023 General Appropriations Act. Hospitals should:

- Bill with Revenue Code 310 (OPH-PATHOLOGY/GENERAL) and the applicable CPT code in the chart below.
- Prior authorization is not required.

Independent Laboratories (PT 50)

- Submit claims using the appropriate CPT code in the chart below.

Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing Codes and Fees Effective January 1, 2025		
CPT Code	Description	Fee Schedule
81425	Test for detecting genes associated with disease, genome sequencing analysis	\$2,716.85

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CPT Code	Description	Fee Schedule
81426	Test for detecting genes associated with disease, genome sequencing analysis, each additional comparator genome	\$1,463.37
81427	Reevaluation test of previously obtained genome sequencing	\$1,262.33

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