

Salt Lake County Division of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS)  
Client Drug Testing/Urine Analysis Authorization Policy  
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It is the expectation that the lowest level of drug testing/urine analysis (UA) code sufficient to address the need be provided. Generally, agencies should be providing the lowest level of testing that does not require a lab. In special circumstances, such as confirmation of a positive UA, the highest code could be utilized. Drug testing/urine analysis codes are limited in total to 60 tests per year of service regardless of type of test.

- **CPT Code 80305 Drug Test(s)**
  - Presumptive, any number of drug classes, qualitative; any number of devices or procedures, (e.g., immunoassay) capable of being read by direct optical observation only (e.g., dipstick, cups, cards, cartridges) includes sample validation when performed, per date of service.
  - No preauthorization required.
  - Quantity Limit – 60 tests per year of service.
    - If you exceed the 60 tests per year, documentation needs to be present in the client file explaining why the additional tests are needed.
- **CPT Code 80306 Drug Test(s)**
  - Presumptive, any number of drug classes, qualitative; any number of devices or procedures, (e.g., immunoassay) read by instrumented assisted direct optical observation (e.g., dipstick, cups, cards, cartridges) includes sample validation when performed, per date of service.
  - No preauthorization required.
  - Quantity Limit – 60 tests per year of service.
    - If you exceed the 60 tests per year, documentation needs to be present in the client file explaining why the additional tests are needed.
- **CPT Code 80307 Drug Test(s)**
  - Presumptive, any number of drug classes, qualitative; any number of devices or procedures, by instrument chemistry and analyzers (e.g., utilizing immunoassay [EIA, ELISA, EMIT, FPIA, IA, KIMS, RIA]), chromatography (e.g., GC, HPLC), and mass spectrometry either with or without chromatography (e.g., DAT, DESI, GC-MS, GC-MS/MS, LC-MS, LC-MS/MS, LDTD, MALDI, TOF) includes sample validation when performed, per date of service.
  - Preauthorization required through BHAauthorization UM process.
  - Quantity Limit – 60 tests per year of service.
    - If you exceed the 60 tests per year, documentation needs to be present in the client file explaining why the additional tests are needed.

All other payor resources need to be exhausted prior to requesting assistance from DBHS for client drug testing/urine analysis (UA). The following steps must be completed prior to requesting authorization from DBHS:

1. If the client has Medicaid and the standard benefit was exhausted, you will need to submit a prior authorization to request UAs above and beyond the 60 which are initially allowed. This must be formally denied by Medicaid (documentation of this needs to be present in the client file) before proceeding to the next steps.

2. For clients who are active with Criminal Justice Services, Family Recovery Court, or other programs with UA waiver/assistance programs, documentation is required in the client's file that those benefits have been exhausted prior to requesting authorization from DBHS (documentation of this needs to be present in the client file).
3. If 1 and 2 above are denied or do not pertain to the client, then the standard DBHS procedure for UM needs to be followed.