

Reimbursement Policy Statement Illinois Medicaid

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Serum Iron Studies		Claims Operations Medical Payment	
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Medical	Administrative	Pharmacy	Reimbursement

Aetna Better Health of Illinois (ABH IL) implements comprehensive and robust policies and procedures to ensure alignment with Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services (HFS) and to warrant that regulatory standards are met.

ABH IL reimbursement policies are intended to provide a general reference for claims filing, coding, documentation guidelines and administrative functions. Providers are ultimately responsible for submission of accurate reporting of services provided.

Reimbursement of reported services is subject to member benefit, eligibility on date of service, medical necessity, related plan policies and procedures, correct coding and clinical editing logic, provider contracts and all applicable plan documentation and guidelines set forth by Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services (HFS). Coding methodology, regulatory requirements, industry standard claims logic, guidance from specialty organizations and other factors are considered in the development of plan policies. ABH IL retains the right to change, amend or withdraw this policy as needed, at any time.

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A. Policy

This policy is provided as a guide to medical coding and editing guidelines for the appropriate reporting of Laboratory- Serum Iron Studies. This policy aligns with guidance from the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the American Academy of Pediatrics and the United States Preventative Services Task Force.

B. Overview

This policy outlines the coding and editing guidelines for reporting routinely performed laboratory serum iron studies. This policy applies to all professional and facility claim types.

C. Definitions

Term	Definition
Aetna Better Health of Illinois (ABHIL)	A subsidiary of CVS Health Corporation, Medicaid subsidiary that provides plan management and other administrative services for the Illinois Medicaid program.
American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)	A national professional group that publishes research to promote and maintain quality standards for practice in general practice and advocates for the interests of its registered members.
American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)	A national professional group that publishes research to promote and maintain quality standards for practice in pediatrics and advocates for the interests of its registered members.
American Medical Association (AMA)	A professional group that publishes research to advance public health and advocates for the interests of registered physician-members.
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	The federal agency that administers the Medicare program as well as works with the individual states to administer state Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Programs.
Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)	A medical code set maintained by the American Medical Association through the CPT Editorial Panel. The CPT code set (copyright protected by the AMA) describes medical, surgical, and diagnostic services and is designed to communicate uniform information about medical services and procedures among physicians, coders, patients, accreditation organizations, and payers for administrative, financial, and analytical purposes.



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Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services (HFS)	The Department of Healthcare and Family Services administers health insurance programs for children, pregnant women, and adults who are residents of Illinois.
Medicaid	The state administered program that provides health coverage to millions of Americans, including eligible low-income adults, children, pregnant women, elderly adults, and people with disabilities, according to federal requirements. The program is funded jointly by states and the federal government.
Medicare	Medicare is a health insurance program for: people aged sixty-five (65) or older, people under age sixty-five (65) with certain disabilities, and people of all ages with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant).
United States Preventive Services Task Force	A scientifically independent, volunteer panel of national experts that issue recommendations on primary care and preventative services based on review of evidence-based literature.

D. Reimbursement Guidelines

ABH IL will only reimburse for routinely performed serum iron studies for

- Asymptomatic children aged 5 and under
- Pregnant adults

Claims that are submitted will be denied when

- The patient is older than 5 and the only corresponding diagnosis reported is for screening or examination without abnormal findings
- The patient is a non-pregnant adult

The medical record documentation is expected to support the specific CPT code(s) reported.

E. Codes/Condition of Coverage

Laboratory CPT Codes

82728	Ferritin
83540	Iron
83550	Iron binding capacity
84466	Transferrin

F. Frequently Asked Questions

N/A



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G. Review/Revision Date		
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H. Resources
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. American Academy of Family Physicians. <i>Clinical Preventive Service Recommendation: Iron Deficiency Anemia</i>. Leawood, KS: American Academy of Family Physicians; 2015.2. American Medical Association. <i>CPT Professional Edition 2026, AMA</i>; 2025.3. Baker RD, Greer FR; Committee on Nutrition, American Academy of Pediatrics. Diagnosis and prevention of iron deficiency and iron-deficiency anemia in infants and young children (0-3 years of age). <i>Pediatrics</i>. 2010;126(5):1040-50.4. U.S. Preventative Services Task Force. Final Recommendation Statement: Iron Deficiency Anemia in Young Children: Screening. www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org. Published September 7, 2015.5. U.S. Preventative Services Task Force. Final Recommendation Statement: Iron Deficiency and Iron Deficiency Anemia During Pregnancy: Screening and Supplementation. www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org. Published August 20, 2024.