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## **FAX**

To: All Aetna Better Health of Louisiana Providers

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## **Reminder**: All genetic testing requires prior authorization.

This is a reminder that all genetic testing requires prior authorization in order to be covered. It is the responsibility of the ordering provider rather than the testing laboratory to request the authorization. In order to facilitate our reviews the following information is required to accompany the request for coverage:

- 1. What is the context of the test?
  - a. Age
  - b. Gender
  - c. Purpose
  - d. Diagnosis
  - e. Relevant history and prior testing
- 2. What is the specialty of the ordering provider?
- 3. What is the exact test requested?
  - a. What lab will perform the testing?
  - b. What general method will be used for testing?
    - i. Cytogenetic (chromosome analysis) or FISH (molecular cytogenetic)
    - ii. Sequencing of one gene
    - iii. Microarray
    - iv. Next-generation (NexGen) sequencing: one or multiple genes in a panel
    - v. Exome or genome (whole or partial)
  - c. CPT code, if available
- 4. What is the projected benefit?

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