

	Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (BHDD) Division
	Medicaid Services Provider Manual for Substance Use Disorder and Adult Mental Health Date effective: October 1, 2022
Policy Number: 505	Subject: Specimen Collection for SUD Drug Testing

Definition

Collection and handling of a specimen other than blood (e.g., urine dip strips, saliva tests) for SUD drug testing is a step in the overall process of drug testing and does not include or authorize laboratory testing. Drug testing is a key diagnostic and therapeutic tool that is useful for patient care and in monitoring of the ongoing status of a person who has been treated for a substance use disorder.

Medical Necessity Criteria

The member must meet the SUD criteria found in this manual. Specimen collection for drug testing must be based on patient-specific elements identified during the clinical assessment and documented by the clinician.

Provider Requirements

Specimen collection for drug testing must be provided by a state-approved and licensed substance use disorder facility. Specimen collection for drug testing is not a bundled service and must be billed using the appropriate HCPCS code.

Service Requirements

- (1) Specimen collection is limited to once per 24-hour period per member; and
- (2) The need for drug testing services must be written into the ITP.

Utilization Management

- (1) Prior authorization is not required.
- (2) Continued stay review not required.

- (3) The provider must document in the file of the member that the member meets the medical necessity criteria.