

Collection Of Specimens

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POLICY STATEMENT

This policy is for collection of specimens.

DEFINITIONS

Highmark Health Options (HHO) – Managed care organization serving vulnerable populations that have complex needs and qualify for Medicaid. Highmark Health Options members include individuals and families with low income, expecting mothers, children, and people with disabilities. Members pay nothing to very little for their health coverage. Highmark Health Options currently services Delaware Medicaid: Delaware Healthy Children Program (DHCP) and Diamond State Health Plan Plus members.

POLICY POSITION

The collection of specimens is recognized as an eligible procedure when reported as a separate service.

ELIGIBLE DIAGNOSIS CODES

CPT Codes	Description
36415	Collection of venous blood by venipuncture.
36416	Collection of capillary blood specimen (e.g., finger, heel, ear stick).

References

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POLICY UPDATE HISTORY

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