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Providers are responsible for submission of accurate documentation of services performed. Providers are expected to submit claims for services rendered using valid code combinations from Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act approved code sets. Claims should be coded appropriately according to industry standard coding guidelines including, but not limited to: Uniform Billing Editor, American Medical Association, Current Procedural Terminology, CPT® Assistant, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System, ICD-10 CM and PCS, National Drug Codes, Diagnosis Related Group guidelines, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services National Correct Coding Initiative Policy Manual, CCI table edits and other CMS guidelines.

Claims are subject to the code edit protocols for services/procedures billed. Claim submissions are subject to claim review including but not limited to, any terms of benefit coverage, provider contract language, medical policies, clinical payment and coding policies as well as coding software logic. Upon request, the provider is urged to submit any additional documentation.

## **Serum Tumor Markers for Malignancies**

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## Description

The Plan has implemented certain lab management reimbursement criteria. Not all requirements apply to each product. Providers are urged to review Plan documents for eligible coverage for services rendered.

## Reimbursement Information:

**NOTE:** Except for where otherwise specified in the table below, quarterly measurement of designated serum biomarkers is permitted for follow-up, monitoring, and/or surveillance.

- 1) Measurement of the following serum biomarkers **may be reimbursable** for the following indications:

Serum Biomarkers	Indication
<b>Alkaline phosphatase (ALP)</b>	<u>Bone neoplasms:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workup</li></ul>
	<u>Melanoma (uveal):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workup</li></ul>
	<u>Systemic light chain amyloidosis:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Initial diagnostic workup</li></ul>
<b>Alpha fetoprotein (AFP)</b>	<u>Hepatocellular carcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Screening;</li><li>• Workup for confirmed HCC;</li><li>• Surveillance (every 3-6 months for 2 years, then every 6 months)</li></ul>
	<u>Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workup for isolated intrahepatic mass</li></ul>
	<u>Occult primary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Additional workup for localized adenocarcinoma or carcinoma not otherwise specified; liver, mediastinum, or retroperitoneal mass</li></ul>
	<u>Ovarian cancer/fallopian tube cancer/primary peritoneal cancer:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Initial workup;</li><li>• During primary chemotherapy;</li><li>• Monitoring/follow-up for complete response (as clinically indicated)</li></ul>
	<u>Ovarian cancers (less common):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Carcinosarcoma (malignant mixed mullerian tumors):</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Monitoring/follow-up</li></ul></li><li>• <u>Clear cell carcinoma of the ovary:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Monitoring/follow-up</li></ul></li><li>• <u>Grade 1 endometrioid carcinoma:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Monitoring/follow-up</li></ul></li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Mucinous neoplasms of the ovary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Low-grade serous carcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<u>Ovarian cancers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Borderline epithelial tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Monitoring/follow-up (every visit if initially elevated)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Malignant germ cell tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Surveillance (no more than every 2 months for the first 2 years, every 4 months in years 3-5, and then annually after year 5)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Malignant sex cord stromal tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Surveillance if clinically indicated. If done, frequency based on stage (i.e., 6-12 months if early-stage, low-risk disease; 4-6 months if high-risk disease)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<u>Testicular cancer – non-seminoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup;</li> <li>• Risk classification;</li> <li>• Surveillance (no more than every 2 months)</li> </ul>
	<u>Testicular cancer - pure seminoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial diagnostic workup;</li> <li>• Post-diagnostic workup;</li> <li>• Risk classification;</li> <li>• Post-treatment surveillance (no more than every 2 months)</li> </ul>
	<u>Thymomas and thymic carcinomas:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial evaluation, if appropriate</li> </ul>
<b>Beta-2 microglobulin (B2M)</b>	<u>B-cell lymphomas (diffuse large B-cell; follicular [grade 1-2]; HIV-related; lymphoblastic; mantle cell):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup</li> </ul>
	<u>Castleman Disease:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup</li> </ul>
	<u>Chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup</li> <li>• For prognostic and/or therapy determination</li> </ul>
	<u>Multiple myeloma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial diagnostic workup;</li> <li>• Follow-up/surveillance (as needed) for solitary plasmacytoma or solitary plasmacytoma with minimal marrow involvement</li> </ul>
	<u>Systemic light chain amyloidosis:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial diagnostic workup</li> </ul>
	<u>Waldenström macroglobulinemia / lymphoplasmacytic</u>

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	<u>lymphoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup</li> </ul>
<b>BNP or NT-proBNP</b>	<u>Multiple myeloma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial diagnostic workup</li> </ul>
<b>Calcitonin (CALCA)</b>	<u>Adenocarcinoma and anaplastic/undifferentiated epithelial tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup</li> </ul>
	<u>Medullary carcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional workup;</li> <li>• Post-surgical evaluation;</li> <li>• Monitoring;</li> <li>• Surveillance (2-3 months postoperative, then every 6-12 months)</li> </ul>
	<u>Multiple endocrine neoplasia, type 2:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At diagnosis (clinical evaluation) for medullary thyroid cancer</li> </ul>
	<u>Occult primary (unknown primary cancer:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup</li> </ul>
<b>Cancer antigen 15-3 and 27.29 (CA 15-3 and 27.29)</b>	<u>Breast cancer (invasive):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring metastatic disease</li> </ul>
	<u>Occult primary: suspected metastatic malignancy:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial workup</li> <li>• Assessing disease prognosis</li> <li>• Monitoring/follow-up for response</li> </ul>
<b>Cancer antigen 19-9 (CA 19-9)</b>	<u>Ampullary adenocarcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup;</li> <li>• Surveillance (every 3-6 months for 2 years, then every 6-12 months for up to 5 years as clinically indicated) for resected ampullary cancer, stage I-III</li> </ul>
	<u>Appendiceal adenocarcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup to establish baseline. Abnormal measurements should be trended</li> </ul>
	<u>Extrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup to establish baseline;</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> </ul>
	<u>Gallbladder cancer:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup to establish baseline;</li> <li>• Monitoring;</li> <li>• Surveillance (as clinically indicated), post-resection</li> </ul>
	<u>Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup to establish baseline;</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> </ul>
	<u>Occult primary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup to establish baseline;</li> </ul>

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	<p><u>Ovarian cancer/fallopian tube cancer/primary peritoneal cancer:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial workup;</li> <li>• During primary chemotherapy;</li> <li>• Monitoring/follow-up for complete response (as clinically indicated)</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Ovarian cancers (less common):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Carcinosarcoma (malignant mixed mullerian tumors):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Workup</li> <li>○ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Clear cell carcinoma of the ovary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Workup</li> <li>○ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Grade 1 endometrioid carcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Workup</li> <li>○ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Low-grade serous carcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Workup</li> <li>○ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Mucinous neoplasms of the ovary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Workup</li> <li>○ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p><u>Ovarian cancers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Borderline epithelial tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitoring/follow-up (every visit if initially elevated)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Malignant germ cell tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Surveillance (no more than every 2 months for the first 2 years, every 4 months in years 3-5, and then annually after year 5)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Malignant sex cord stromal tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Surveillance if clinically indicated. If done, frequency based on stage (i.e., 6-12 months if early-stage, low-risk disease; 4-6 months if high-risk disease)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Mucinous carcinoma of the ovary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Additional workup (if not previously done)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p><u>Pancreatic adenocarcinoma:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup to establish baseline;</li> <li>• Monitoring;</li> <li>• Post-operative, post-adjuvant treatment surveillance (every 3-6 months for 2 years, then every 6-12 months as clinically indicated)</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Small bowel adenocarcinoma:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup to establish baseline;</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-treatment surveillance (every 3-6 months for 2 years, then every 6 months for a total of 5 years)</li> <li>• At metastasis or recurrence</li> </ul>
<b>Cancer antigen 125 (CA-125)</b>	<u>Appendiceal adenocarcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup to establish baseline</li> </ul>
	<u>Endometrial carcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional workup;</li> <li>• Surveillance (if initially elevated)</li> </ul>
	<u>Lynch syndrome:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surveillance</li> </ul>
	<u>Occult primary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial evaluation/workup;</li> <li>• Additional workup for adenocarcinoma or carcinoma not otherwise specified, in those with a uterus and/or ovaries present</li> </ul>
	<u>Ovarian cancer/fallopian tube cancer/primary peritoneal cancer:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial workup;</li> <li>• During primary chemotherapy;</li> <li>• Monitoring/follow-up for complete response (as clinically indicated)</li> </ul>
	<u>Ovarian cancers (less common):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Carcinosarcoma (malignant mixed mullerian tumors):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Clear cell carcinoma of the ovary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Mucinous neoplasm of the ovary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Grade 1 endometrioid carcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Low-grade serous carcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<u>Ovarian cancers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Borderline epithelial tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitoring/follow-up (every visit if initially elevated)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Malignant germ cell tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Surveillance (no more than every 2 months for the first 2 years, every 6 months in years 3-5, and then annually after year 5)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Malignant sex cord stromal tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surveillance if clinically indicated. If done, frequency based on stage (i.e., 6-12 months if early-stage, low-risk disease; 4-6 months if high-risk disease)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<u>Peritoneal mesothelioma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial evaluation</li> </ul>
	<u>Uterine neoplasms:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial workup;</li> <li>Additional workup;</li> <li>Surveillance</li> </ul>
<b>Carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA)</b>	<u>Appendiceal adenocarcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workup to establish baseline;</li> <li>Monitoring;</li> <li>Post-treatment surveillance</li> </ul>
	<u>Breast cancer (invasive):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring metastatic disease</li> </ul>
	<u>Colon cancer:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workup to establish baseline;</li> <li>Monitoring;</li> <li>Surveillance (every 3-6 months for 2 years, then every 6 months for a total of 5 years)</li> </ul>
	<u>Extrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workup to establish baseline;</li> <li>Monitoring</li> </ul>
	<u>Gallbladder cancer:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workup to establish baseline;</li> <li>Monitoring;</li> <li>Surveillance</li> <li>Monitoring of adjuvant treatment (as clinically indicated)</li> <li>Post-resection</li> </ul>
	<u>Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workup to establish baseline;</li> <li>Monitoring</li> </ul>
	<u>Medullary carcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diagnosis and additional workup;</li> <li>Monitoring;</li> <li>Post-surgical surveillance (2-3 months postoperative, then every 6-12 months)</li> </ul>
	<u>Multiple endocrine neoplasia, type 2:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At diagnosis (clinical evaluation) for medullary thyroid cancer</li> </ul>
	<u>Occult primary (unknown primary cancer):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workup for adenocarcinoma or carcinoma not otherwise specified</li> </ul>
	<u>Ovarian cancer/fallopian tube cancer/primary peritoneal cancer:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial workup;</li> <li>During primary chemotherapy;</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring/follow-up for complete response (as clinically indicated)</li> </ul> <p><u>Ovarian cancers (less common):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Carcinosarcoma (malignant mixed mullerian tumors):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>Clear cell carcinoma of the ovary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>Grade 1 endometrioid carcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>Low-grade serous carcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>Mucinous neoplasms of the ovary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Ovarian cancers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Borderline epithelial tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring/follow-up (every visit if initially elevated)</li> <li>Post-adjuvant treatment</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>Malignant germ cell tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surveillance (no more than every 2 months for the first 2 years, every 4 months in years 3-5, and then annually after year 5)</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>Malignant sex cord stromal tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surveillance if clinically indicated. If done, frequency based on stage (i.e., 6-12 months if early-stage, low-risk disease; 4-6 months if high-risk disease)</li> </ul> </li> <li><u>Mucinous carcinoma of the ovary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional workup (if not previously done)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Rectal cancer:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workup to establish baseline;</li> <li>Monitoring; surveillance (every 3-6 months for 2 years, then every 6 months for a total of 5 years)</li> </ul> <p><u>Small bowel adenocarcinoma:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workup to establish baseline;</li> <li>Post-treatment surveillance (every 3-6 months for 2 years, then every 6 months for a total of 5 years)</li> </ul>
<b>Chorionic gonadotropin beta polypeptide (CGB3)</b>	<p><u>Gestational trophoblastic neoplasia:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial workup;</li> <li>During and post treatment (no more than weekly);</li> <li>Follow-up/surveillance (no more than monthly for 12 months)</li> </ul> <p><u>Occult primary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional workup for localized adenocarcinoma or carcinoma not otherwise specified; individuals &lt; 65</li> </ul>



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	<p>years of age with mediastinum or retroperitoneal mass</p>
	<p><u>Ovarian cancer/fallopian tube cancer/primary peritoneal cancer:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial workup;</li> <li>• During primary chemotherapy;</li> <li>• Monitoring/follow-up for complete response (as clinically indicated)</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Ovarian cancers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Borderline epithelial tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitoring/follow-up (every visit if initially elevated)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Malignant germ cell tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Surveillance (no more than every 2 months for the first 2 years, every 4 months in years 3-5, and then annually after year 5)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Malignant sex cord stromal tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Surveillance if clinically indicated. If done, frequency based on stage (i.e., 6-12 months if early-stage, low-risk disease; 4-6 months if high-risk disease)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p><u>Testicular cancer – non-seminoma:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup;</li> <li>• Risk classification;</li> <li>• Surveillance (no more than every 2 months)</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Testicular cancer – pure seminoma:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup;</li> <li>• Post-diagnostic workup;</li> <li>• Risk classification;</li> <li>• Post-treatment surveillance (no more than every 2 months)</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Thymomas and thymic carcinomas:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial evaluation, if appropriate</li> </ul>
<b>Human epididymis protein 4 (HE4)</b>	<p><u>Ovarian cancer/fallopian tube cancer/primary peritoneal cancer:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial workup;</li> <li>• During primary chemotherapy;</li> <li>• Monitoring/follow-up for complete response (as clinically indicated)</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Ovarian cancers (less common):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Carcinosarcoma (malignant mixed mullerian tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Clear cell carcinoma of the ovary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Grade 1 endometrioid carcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Low-grade serous carcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Mucinous neoplasms of the ovary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Ovarian cancers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Borderline epithelial tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Monitoring/follow-up (every visit if initially elevated)</li> <li>◦ Post-adjuvant treatment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Malignant germ cell tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Surveillance (no more than every 2 months for the first 2 years, every 4 months in years 3-5, and then annually after year 5)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Malignant sex cord stromal tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Surveillance if clinically indicated. If done, frequency based on stage (i.e., 6-12 months if early-stage, low-risk disease; 4-6 months if high-risk disease)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Inhibin (INHA)</b>	<p><u>Occult primary (unknown primary cancer):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional workup for adenocarcinoma or carcinoma not otherwise specified</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Ovarian cancer/fallopian tube cancer/primary peritoneal cancer:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial workup;</li> <li>• During primary chemotherapy;</li> <li>• Monitoring/follow-up for complete response (as clinically indicated)</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Ovarian cancers (less common):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Carcinosarcoma (malignant mixed mullerian tumors):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Clear cell carcinoma of the ovary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <u>Monitoring/follow-up</u></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Grade 1 endometrioid carcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Low-grade serous carcinoma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Mucinous neoplasms of the ovary:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Monitoring/follow-up</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p><u>Ovarian cancers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Borderline epithelial tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Monitoring/follow-up (every visit if initially elevated)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Malignant germ cell tumors:</u></li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Surveillance (no more than every 2 months for the first 2 years, every 4 months in years 3-5, and then annually after year 5)</li> <li>• <u>Malignant sex cord stromal tumors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Surveillance if clinically indicated. If done, frequency based on stage (i.e., 6-12 months if early-stage, low-risk disease; 4-6 months if high-risk disease)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Serum free light chains	<u>Castleman disease:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workup</li> </ul>
	<u>Multiple myeloma:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial diagnostic workup;</li> <li>• Follow-up</li> <li>• Surveillance (up to once per month)</li> </ul>
	<u>Systemic light chain amyloidosis:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial diagnostic workup</li> </ul>
Troponin T	<u>Systemic light chain amyloidosis:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial diagnostic workup</li> </ul>
Tryptase	<u>Systemic mastocytosis:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial diagnosis</li> </ul>

- 2) For all other cancer indications not discussed above, use of the above biomarkers (alone or in a panel of serum tumor markers) **are not reimbursable**.
- 3) All other serum tumor markers not addressed above (alone or in a panel of serum tumor markers) **are not reimbursable**.
- 4) For the screening and detection of cancer, analysis of proteomic patterns in serum **are not reimbursable**.

## Procedure Codes

The following is not an all-encompassing code list. The inclusion of a code does not guarantee it is a covered service or eligible for reimbursement.

Codes
81500, 81503, 81538, 81599, 82105, 82107, 82232, 82308, 82378, 83520, 83521, 83789, 83880, 83950, 83951, 84075, 84078, 84080, 84484, 84702, 84703, 84704, 84999, 86300, 86301, 86304, 86305, 86316, 86336, 0003U, 0092U, 0163U, 0404U, 0558U, 0559U, 0599U, G0327

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## Policy Update History:

Approval Date	Effective Date; Summary of Changes
07/25/2025	11/07/2025; Document updated with literature review. The following changes were made to Reimbursement Information: Changed "serum tumor markers" to "biomarkers" in initial note and in #1 to broaden definition as some serum-related markers are more accurately describes as biomarkers rather than serum tumor markers. Changed title in table to "Serum Biomarkers." Alkaline phosphatase: Removed "during treatment" and "surveillance" from Bone neoplasms indication; Added: Melanoma (uveal): Workup. Alpha fetoprotein: Removed "Post-diagnostic" from Workup under Testicular cancer – non-seminoma; Beta-2 microglobulin: removed "Castleman disease) from B-cell lymphoma title and added a new row which identifies the indication for Castleman disease as "workup" with

	<p>B2M measurement; Beta human chorionic gonadotropin (beta HCG) was renamed to Chorionic gonadotropin beta polypeptide (CGB3); Changed the words “testes presenting with” to “mediastinum or” under “Occult primary” designation. BNP or NT-proBNP: For BNP or NT-proBNP, removed “systemic light chain amyloidosis” and indication for “initial diagnostic workup” from BNP or NT-proBNP section (this was moved to a separate section with Troponin T.). Cancer antigen 19-9: removed “Monitoring” from Occult primary indication; In “Ovarian cancers (less common)”: Added “monitoring/follow up” as indications to “Carcinosarcoma, Clear cell carcinoma of the ovary, Grade 1 endometrial carcinoma, low-grade serous carcinoma,” and “mucinous neoplasms of the ovary.” Cancer antigen 125 (CA-125): For cancer antigen 125 (CA-125), added “initial evaluation/workup” to indications for Occult primary. Added “additional workup/surveillance” indications to uterine neoplasms. Carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA): For Carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA), added “Occult primary (unknown primary cancer)” and indication for “workup for adenocarcinoma or carcinoma not otherwise specified.” Human epididymis protein 4 (HE4): For Human epididymis protein 4, added new section to the table. Added “Ovarian cancer/fallopian tube cancer/primary peritoneal cancer” with indications for “initial workup during primary chemotherapy; monitoring/follow-up for complete response (as clinically indicated).” Added “Ovarian cancers (less common) and indications for various cancers under this designation for “monitoring/follow-up.” Added “Ovarian cancers” and additional indications for “borderline epithelial tumors.” Added Inhibin (INHA) for Occult primary (unknown primary cancer); Ovarian cancer/fallopian tube cancer/primary peritoneal cancer; Ovarian cancers. Removed entire section on Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) as LDH is a broad marker beyond serum tumor biomarker designation; Serum free light chains: Added “Castleman disease” with indication of workup; and added “follow-up” to Multiple myeloma. Added codes 0558U, 0559U effective 7/1/2025; added 0599U effective 10/1/2025; removed code 83615. References revised.</p>
10/30/2024	<p>01/15/2025; Document updated with literature review. The following changes were made to Reimbursement Information: Alpha fetoprotein: For “Ovarian cancers (less common)”, added indication for Carcinosarcoma (malignant mixed mullerian tumors) to include monitoring/follow-up; clear cell carcinoma of the ovary to include monitoring/follow-up; grade 1 endometrioid carcinoma: monitoring/follow-up; mucinous neoplasms of the ovary to include monitoring/follow-up; low-grade serous carcinoma to include monitoring/follow-up.</p>

	<p>Removed the “(less common)” designation from Ovarian cancer row that has “Borderline epithelial tumors” following it. Beta-2 microglobulin (B2M): For chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma, added indications for prognostic and/or therapy determination. Calcitonin (CALCA): For adenocarcinoma, and anaplastic/undifferentiated epithelial tumors added indication of workup. For occult primary (unknown primary cancer) added indication for workup. Cancer antigen 15-3 and 27.29 (CA 15-3 and 27.29 ): for occult primary cancers (cancers of unknown primary origin) added indications for assessing disease prognosis; and monitoring/follow-up for response. Cancer antigen 19-9 (CA 19-9): for occult primary cancers, added indications for assessing disease prognosis and monitoring/follow-up for response. For “Ovarian cancers (less common)”, added indication for Carcinosarcoma (malignant mixed mullerian tumors) to include monitoring/follow-up; clear cell carcinoma of the ovary to include monitoring/follow-up; grade 1 endometrioid carcinoma: monitoring/follow-up; mucinous neoplasms of the ovary to include monitoring/follow-up; low-grade serous carcinoma to include monitoring/follow-up. Removed the “(less common)” designation from Ovarian cancer row that has “Borderline epithelial tumors” following it. For small bowel adenocarcinoma, added to other indications “at metastasis or recurrence.” Cancer antigen 125 (CA-125): For “Ovarian cancers (less common)”, added indication for Carcinosarcoma (malignant mixed mullerian tumors) to include monitoring/follow-up; clear cell carcinoma of the ovary to include monitoring/follow-up; grade 1 endometrioid carcinoma: monitoring/follow-up; mucinous neoplasms of the ovary to include monitoring/follow-up; low-grade serous carcinoma to include monitoring/follow-up. Removed the “(less common)” designation from Ovarian cancer row that has “Borderline epithelial tumors” following it. For uterine neoplasms added indication for “initial workup.” Carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA): For gallbladder cancer added indication “of adjuvant treatment (as clinically indicated)” For “Ovarian cancers (less common)”, added indication for Carcinosarcoma (malignant mixed mullerian tumors) to include monitoring/follow-up; clear cell carcinoma of the ovary to include monitoring/follow-up; grade 1 endometrioid carcinoma: monitoring/follow-up; mucinous neoplasms of the ovary to include monitoring/follow-up; low-grade serous carcinoma to include monitoring/follow-up. Removed the “(less common)” designation from Ovarian cancer row that has “Borderline epithelial tumors” following it. Inhibin (INHA): For adrenocortical carcinoma added indication for workup. For “Ovarian cancers (less common)”, added indication for carcinosarcoma (malignant mixed mullerian tumors) to include monitoring/follow-up; clear cell carcinoma of the ovary</p>
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	<p>to include monitoring/follow-up; grade 1 endometrioid carcinoma: monitoring/follow-up; mucinous neoplasms of the ovary to include monitoring/follow-up; low-grade serous carcinoma to include monitoring/follow-up. Removed the “(less common)” designation from Ovarian cancer row that has “Borderline epithelial tumors” following it. Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH): For “Ovarian cancers (less common)”, added indication for carcinosarcoma (malignant mixed mullerian tumors) to include monitoring/follow-up; clear cell carcinoma of the ovary to include monitoring/follow-up; grade 1 endometrioid carcinoma: monitoring/follow-up; mucinous neoplasms of the ovary to include monitoring/follow-up; low-grade serous carcinoma to include monitoring/follow-up. Removed the “(less common)” designation from Ovarian cancer row that has “Borderline epithelial tumors” following it. For systemic mastocytosis, added indications for initial diagnostic workup. References revised; some added, others updated.</p>
04/15/2024	<p>04/15/2024: Document updated with literature review. Reimbursement Information revised to place serum tumor markers and appropriate indications into a table format by marker. The following additions and removals were made: Alkaline Phosphatase (ALP): for bone neoplasms, added indications for measurement during treatment and surveillance. For uveal melanoma, removed indication for initial diagnostic evaluation for metastatic or recurrent disease. Alpha fetoprotein (AFP): for borderline ovarian epithelial tumors, updated frequency for monitoring/follow-up from every 3–6 months to every visit if initially elevated. For occult primary cancers, updated specification from initial diagnostic evaluation to additional workup. For sacrococcygeal teratomas, removed indications for initial diagnostic evaluation and surveillance. For testicular cancer (nonseminoma), removed indication for initial diagnostic evaluation. Beta-2 microglobulin (B2M): for Waldenström macroglobulinemia/lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma, removed indication for prognostication at the time of first-line treatment initiation. Beta human chorionic gonadotropin (beta-HCG): for gestational trophoblastic neoplasia, added indications for initial workup; during and post treatment (no more than weekly); follow-up/surveillance (no more than monthly for 12 months). For occult primary cancers, updated specification from initial diagnostic evaluation to additional workup. For borderline ovarian epithelial tumors, updated frequency for monitoring/follow-up from every 3–6 months to every visit if initially elevated. For sacrococcygeal teratomas, removed indication for initial diagnostic evaluation. For testicular cancer</p>

	<p>(nonseminoma), removed indication for initial diagnostic evaluation.</p> <p>BNP or NT-proBNP: for multiple myeloma, added indication for initial diagnostic workup.</p> <p>Calcitonin (CALCA): for medullary carcinoma, replaced indication for initial diagnostic evaluation to additional workup and added indication for post-surgical evaluation.</p> <p>Cancer Antigen 19-9 (CA 19-9): Added ampullary adenocarcinoma and indications for its workup; surveillance (every 3-6 months for 2 years, then every 6-12 months for up to 5 years as clinically indicated) for resected ampullary cancer, stage I-III. Added appendiceal adenocarcinoma and indications for workup to establish baseline with note that “abnormal measurements should be trended.” For extrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma, added indication for monitoring. For gallbladder cancer, added indication for monitoring. For hepatocellular carcinoma, removed indication for initial diagnostic evaluation. For intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma, added indication for monitoring. For borderline ovarian epithelial tumors, updated frequency for monitoring/follow-up from every 3–6 months to every visit if initially elevated. For mucinous carcinoma of the ovary, removed specification for initial diagnostic evaluation; indication for additional workup (if not previously done) remains.</p> <p>Cancer Antigen 125 (CA-125): for appendiceal adenocarcinoma, added indication for workup to establish baseline. Added Lynch syndrome and indications for surveillance/prevention strategies. For borderline ovarian epithelial tumors, updated frequency for monitoring/follow-up from every 3–6 months to every visit if initially elevated.</p> <p>Carcinoembryonic Antigen (CEA): for appendiceal adenocarcinoma, added indications for workup to establish baseline; monitoring; post-treatment surveillance. For colon cancer, extrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma, gallbladder cancer, intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma, and medullary carcinoma, added indication for monitoring. For borderline ovarian epithelial tumors, updated frequency for monitoring/follow-up from every 3–6 months to every visit if initially elevated. For mucinous carcinoma of the ovary, removed specification for initial diagnostic evaluation; indication for additional workup (if not previously done) remains.</p> <p>Inhibin (INHA): for borderline ovarian epithelial tumors, updated frequency for monitoring/follow-up from every 3–6 months to every visit if initially elevated. For undiagnosed pelvic masses, removed indication for initial diagnostic evaluation.</p> <p>Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH): for acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), pediatric acute lymphoblastic leukemia (PED-ALL), Hodgkin lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome, and acute</p>
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	<p>myeloid leukemia (AML), removed indication for initial diagnostic evaluation. For chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma, added indication for measurement at transformation or histologic progression (if applicable). For myeloproliferative neoplasms, removed indications for initial diagnostic evaluation and/or monitoring while on and after therapy. For borderline ovarian epithelial tumors, updated frequency for monitoring/follow-up from every 3–6 months to every visit if initially elevated. For small cell lung cancer, removed indication to measure for prognosis. For testicular cancer (nonseminoma), removed indication for initial diagnostic evaluation.</p> <p>Serum free light chain: for multiple myeloma, updated frequency of surveillance from as needed to once per month. For Waldenström's macroglobulinemia/lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma, removed indication for initial diagnostic evaluation. Tryptase: for myeloid/lymphoid neoplasms with eosinophilia and tyrosine kinase fusion genes, removed indication for initial diagnostic evaluation. For systemic mastocytosis, removed indications for monitoring response to therapy and/or risk classification. References revised; some added; others removed. Added code 83521.</p>
03/01/2024	03/01/2024: Added code 0404U. No other changes made.
11/01/2023	<p>11/01/2023: Document updated with literature review. The following changes were made to Reimbursement Information: Reorganized #1 such that the focus is the cancer and then the appropriate biomarkers. In #1, removed CEA and inhibin for occult primary adenocarcinoma or carcinoma not otherwise specified; calcitonin expression testing for cervical cancer; CEA for NSCLC; calcitonin expression testing for occult primary adenocarcinoma or anaplastic/undifferentiated tumors of the head and neck, or otherwise unspecified; CEA for peritoneal mesothelioma; CEA for pleural mesothelioma; and inhibin expression testing for uterine sarcoma. Removed “The use of urokinase plasminogen activator (uPA) and plasminogen activator inhibitor type 1 (PAI 1) as serum tumor markers is not reimbursable. Remainder of reimbursement information revised for clarity. References revised.</p>
11/1/2022	11/01/2022: New policy