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REIMBURSEMENT: CPT CODES

The [American Medical Association](#) (AMA) CPT code for drug testing **80305** and **80305QW** replaces older codes used for presumptive drug testing read by direct optical observation. **80305** and **80305QW** is now recognized as the CMS HCPCS code. The AMA text of the presumptive drug testing code reads as follows

*CPT code **80305** and **80305QW**: Drug tests(s), presumptive, any number of drug classes; any number of devices or procedures, (e.g. immunoassay) capable of being read by direct optical observation only (e.g., dipsticks, cups, cards, cartridges), includes sample validation when performed, per date of service.*

Medicare reimburses for this code usually about \$22. Private insurance reimbursement may be higher (possibly as high as \$60) and Medicaid pays for a certain number of these test per year per patient.