**LETTER OF MEDICAL NECESSITY**

**HEREDITARY CANCER GENETIC TESTING (CancerNext)**

Date: Date of service/claim

To: Utilization Review Department

 Insurance Company Name, Address, City, State

Re: Patient Name, DOB, ID #:

ICD-10 Codes:

The ICD-10 codes listed below are commonly received by Ambry from ordering providers for the testing described in this letter. Ambry provides this information as a customer service but makes no recommendations regarding the use of any diagnosis codes. As a reminder, it is the ordering provider’s responsibility to always determine, for the specific date of service, the appropriate diagnostic codes based on the patient’s signs and symptoms.

ACTIVE DIAGNOSIS:

C21.0-C21.8 Anal cancer

C24.0-C24.9 Bile duct cancer

C71.0-C71.9 Brain cancer

C50.011-C50.929 Breast cancer (male or female)

C18.0-C18.9, C19, C20 Colorectal cancer

C57.00-C57.03 Fallopian Tube Cancer

C22.0-C22.9 Liver cancer

C56.1-C56.9 Ovarian cancer

C25.0-C25.9 Pancreatic cancer

C48.1-C48.2 Peritoneal Cancer

C61 Prostate cancer

C64.1-C64.9, C65.1-C65.9 Renal cancer

C17.0-C17.9 Small intestine cancer

C16.0-C16.9 Stomach cancer

C73 Thyroid cancer

C66.1-C66.9 Ureteral cancer

C54.0-C54.9, C55 Uterine cancer

PERSONAL HISTORY:

Z85.09 Bile duct cancer, personal history

Z85.841 Brain cancer, personal history

Z85.3 Breast cancer, personal history

Z85.038, Z85.048 Colorectal OR anal cancer, personal history

Z85.05 Liver cancer, personal history

Z85.43 Ovarian/Fallopian Tube/Peritoneal cancer, Personal history

Z85.07 Pancreatic cancer, Personal history

Z85.46 Prostate cancer, Personal history

Z85.528, Z85.53 Renal cancer, personal history

Z85.068 Small intestinal cancer, personal history

Z85.028 Stomach cancer, personal history

Z85.850 Thyroid cancer, personal history

Z85.54 Ureteral cancer, personal history

Z85.42 Uterine cancer, Personal history

FAMILY HISTORY:

Z80.0 Bile Duct OR colorectal OR anal OR pancreatic OR stomach OR small intestinal OR liver cancer, Family history

Z80.8 Brain OR thyroid cancer, family history

Z80.3 Breast cancer, family history

Z80.0 Colorectal OR anal OR pancreatic OR bile duct OR stomach OR small intestinal OR liver cancer, Family history

Z80.0 Liver or colorectal OR anal OR pancreatic OR bile duct OR stomach OR small intestinal cancer, Family history

Z80.41 Ovarian/Fallopian Tube/Peritoneal cancer, Family history

Z80.0 Pancreatic OR colorectal OR anal OR bile duct OR stomach OR small intestinal OR liver cancer, Family history

Z80.42 Prostate cancer, family history

Z80.51 Renal cancer, family history

Z80.0 Small intestinal OR colorectal OR anal OR pancreatic OR bile duct OR stomach OR liver cancer, Family history

Z80.0 Stomach OR colorectal OR anal OR pancreatic OR bile duct OR small intestinal OR liver cancer, Family history

Z80.59 Ureteral cancer, family history

Z80.49 Uterine cancer (other genital organs), Family history

This letter is regarding my patient and your subscriber, referenced above, to request full coverage of medically indicated genetic testing for hereditary cancer (CancerNext) to be performed by Ambry Genetics Corporation.

Cancer is thought to have a hereditary component in up to 10% of cases. Mutations in multiple genes cause hereditary cancer, which markedly increase the lifetime risk for many types of cancer.1 Evaluating personal and family histories is a major part of hereditary cancer risk assessment. **Significant aspects of my patient’s personal and/or family medical history that suggest a reasonable probability of hereditary cancer include** [check all that apply]**:**

* A history clearly suggestive of hereditary cancer
* An individual with multiple primary cancers
* Cancer diagnosed at a younger age than expected (≤ 50 years, for most cancers)
* Multiple people with genetically related cancers on the same side of the family
* A family history of cancer that is typical of a known hereditary cancer syndrome
* A family history with features of several hereditary cancer syndromes
* Multiple cancers in the family that do not seem to fit a particular hereditary cancer syndrome (demonstrating a need for a multi-gene testing approach)
* Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Based on this, I am requesting coverage for CancerNext testing, which analyzes 36 genes associated with hereditary cancer relevant to this patient’s personal and/or family history: *APC, ATM, AXIN2, BARD1, BMPR1A, BRCA1, BRCA2, BRIP1, CDH1, CDK4, CDKN2A, CHEK2, DICER1, EPCAM, GREM1, HOXB13, MLH1, MSH2, MSH3, MSH6, MUTYH, NBN, NF1, NTHL1, PALB2, PMS2, POLD1, POLE, PTEN, RAD51C, RAD51D, RECQL, SMAD4, SMARCA4, STK11,* *TP53.* According to published guidelines, more than one gene may explain an inherited cancer syndrome; thus, multi-gene testing can be more efficient and/or cost-effective than a sequential single gene testing approach.2,3

**This genetic testing will help estimate my patient’s risk to develop cancer/another primary cancer and could directly impact my patient’s medical management. Many of the genes in this test have published clinical practice guidelines** to reduce the risk for cancer and/or detect cancer early, thus reducing morbidity and mortality. Management options may include:

* Increased breast screening including self-examinations, clinical breast examinations, mammogram, ultrasound, and MRI
* Breast cancer risk reduction using prophylactic mastectomies and/or chemoprevention
* Risk-reducing bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy and/or hysterectomy
* More frequent and/or earlier colonoscopy screening
* Prostate cancer screening (PSA and DRE)4,5
* Avoidance of radiation treatment when possible
* To aid in systemic therapy decision-making
* Consideration of other MRI-based screening/technologies6
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[For affected patients:] This testing may also impact the surgical and/or medical options available to treat my patient’s current cancer.

Based on these factors, this testing is medically necessary, and I request that you approve coverage of genetic testing for hereditary cancer in my patient.

Thank you for your time, and please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Ordering Clinician Name (Signature Provided on Test Requisition Form)

(MD/DO, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse-Midwives, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Genetic Counselor\*)

\*Authorized clinician requirements vary by state

**Test Details**

CPT codes: 81162, and 81201, 81292, 81294, 81295, 81297, 81298, 81300, 81317, 81319, 81321, 81403, or 81432, 81433, or 81435, 81436, or 81479

Laboratory: Ambry Genetics Corporation (TIN 33-0892453 / NPI 1861568784), a CAP-accredited and CLIA-certified laboratory located at 7 Argonaut, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

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