

**Blood Sugar Monitoring –  
Bill Lab Codes and Associated CPT II codes**

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**Document Overview**

Medicare Advantage plans receive a Quality Star Rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS star ratings are designed to improve quality and promote better patient care and outcomes for patients.

**Diabetes Care – Blood Sugar Controlled**

Diabetes Care – Blood Sugar Controlled is a triple-weighted star measure. For a member to be considered compliant, the most recent blood sugar value needs to be less than or equal to 9.0 percent. Tests billed without a value are automatically considered non-compliant, negatively affecting the star rating.

**Importance of CPT II Codes**

Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Category II codes are tracking codes utilized by CMS to facilitate performance measurements. These codes ease the administrative burden of chart reviews for many Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) and CMS star rating performance measures. They also can support organizational quality improvement efforts and care management for your patients with diabetes.

**Policy**

**Blood Sugar Monitoring Billing Guidelines**

**Beginning January 1, 2020**, when billing the HgbA1c lab test CPT codes 83036 and 83037, providers must also bill the associated CPT Category II code that represents the result of the test in the form of a range of values. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBSKS) will not reimburse physician offices for lab services performed for Blue Medicare Advantage members without submission of the appropriate CPT II code.

The following table lists the lab test, the billable CPT Category I code, the CPT Category II codes, and the associated value range.

Test	CPT Code	CPT II Code	Associated Value Range
HbA1c screening	83036, 83037	3044F	Less than 7.0%
		3051F	Greater than or equal to 7.0% and less than 8.0%
		3052F	Greater than or equal to 8.0% and less than or equal to 9.0%
		3046F	Greater than 9.0%

Note – This policy will be moved to the HEIDIS program manual in the future when the Blue MA HEIDIS program is implemented.