

## **ALLERGY IMMUNOTHERAPY – ALLERGY TESTING**

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### **COVERED SERVICES**

- Professional services to administer the allergenic extract;
- Preparing and providing injectable allergenic extract;
- Professional services to monitor the member's injection site and observe the member for an anaphylactic reaction;
- Allergy testing; and
- Providing inhalants (an inhalant is a pharmaceutical).

### **NONCOVERED SERVICES**

ND Medicaid does not cover the administration of oral preparations used to treat food allergies (e.g., food drops, etc.) or other allergy services not recognized as a medical standard for the provision of allergy immunotherapy.

### **COVERAGE LIMITATIONS**

Allergenic extracts may be administered with either one injection or multiple injections. Documentation in the member's health record must support the number of injections administered.

Only licensed practitioners of the healing arts operating within their scope of practice who refine raw antigens to allergenic extract may bill for the service. This service involves the sterile preparation of an allergenic extract by titration, filters, etc. and checking the integrity of the extract by cultures or other qualitative methods. Purchasing refined antigen, measuring dosages, and adding diluents is not refining raw antigens.

Adding diluents is not a separately covered service as it is an integral part of providing an allergenic extract.

The payment of the injection administration will include and will reflect the monitoring of the injection site and the observation of the member for anaphylactic reaction. A separate office visit charge for the provision of allergy services is not allowed unless other identifiable services are performed such as a physical examination including vital signs, review of systems, laboratory services or obtaining a history of current symptoms or illness.