

Corewell Health Lipid & Vitamin D autocancel policy for Medicare patients

Traditional Medicare insured patients who have a Lipid Panel or Vitamin D 25 ordered **more than once per 12 months** are **NOT COVERED** due to medical necessity.*

If testing is indicated, you will need to provide an appropriately executed [Advance Beneficiary Notice \(ABN\) for CHE](#) and [Advance Beneficiary Notice for CHS/CHW](#) signed by the patient indicating they would like testing and understand they may be financially responsible for payment (ABN: Option 1). ABN must be submitted with specimen.

For testing ordered inside this frequency range without an ABN, Corewell Health will implement an **automatic cancellation**.

Effective Date: 09/16/24

Lipid Panel: LAB18

- Medicare only covers once every 60 months (5 years) for screening.
- Annually - When monitoring long-term anti-lipid dietary or pharmacologic therapy and when following patients with borderline high total or LDL cholesterol levels, it may be reasonable to perform the Lipid Panel annually.
- Lipid Component Testing - Measurement of the serum total cholesterol or a measured LDL should suffice for interim visits if the patient does not have hypertriglyceridemia.
- Any one component of the panel or a measured LDL may be reasonable and necessary up to six times the first year for monitoring dietary or pharmacologic therapy.

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Vitamin D, 25 Hydroxy: LAB1231583

- Medicare does not cover as a screening test.
- Annually - Yearly testing of Vitamin D may be appropriate depending upon the indication and other mitigating factors.
- If the follow up test shows they have not yet reached the target level, the Vitamin D **can be repeated in another 3 months** until the target level is achieved, but an **ABN is required** for testing to move forward without cancellation.

Be sure to document medical necessity in your progress notes.

Please refer to the CMS Medicare Coverage Database for more information:
<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/>

*Please watch for similar changes to **TSH**, **PSA** and **A1C** testing. Details coming soon.