



FACILITY APPROVAL CATEGORIES

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INTRODUCTION

The following is a list of Fee-for-Service (FFS) outpatient laboratory Facility Approval Categories by fee item.

For billing and payment purposes, prospective facility operators will identify in their Application for a New Approved Laboratory Facility what Facility Approval Category or level of Fee-for-Service outpatient laboratory service a facility is resourced to provide.

The Laboratory Services Act requires that the laboratory facility that is the subject of a proposed approval must be accredited to a standard satisfactory to the minister. The Diagnostic Accreditation Program (DAP) has been established as the accreditation standard by the minister.

As part of the facility Approval process, the minister assigns one or more Category levels to each approved laboratory facility, reflecting the laboratory services (benefits) the facility is authorized to provide. These Categories are intended to correspond with the DAP accreditation disciplines.

For example, a “Category 1 facility” would only be approved to provide, and subsequently submit claims to the minister for, laboratory services corresponding to the fee items (tests and procedures) listed under Category 1.

Operators may only submit claims for fee items listed under the Category approved for that facility. If the capability or capacity of an approved laboratory facility is changed, a new Facility Category may be assigned by the minister.

Facility Approval Categories and associated laboratory medicine fee items include:

- Category 1 - General laboratory tests and procedures
- Category 2A - Hematology
- Category 2B - Microbiology
- Category 2C - Clinical Chemistry
- Category 2M – Category 3 minus all Microbiology fee items
- Category 3 – Full Approval minus the Specialty Categories

Categories 2A through Category 3 also include approval to conduct Category 1 tests. Category 3 includes Categories 1 and 2 plus the remainder of tests and procedures in the Laboratory Services Schedule of Fees, unless specifically excluded, as certain fee items could be restricted to specialty sites.

The following Specialty Categories and associated fee items are specifically excluded from Category 3:

- Category 2G – Cytogenetics
- Category 2V – Virology
- Category 2S – Specialized

FACILITY APPROVAL CATEGORIES & ASSOCIATED FEE ITEMS

CATEGORY 1 – GENERAL LABORATORY TESTS AND PROCEDURES

- 90000 - Venepuncture
- 90115 - Examination – Eosinophils /Secretions/Excretions
- 90225 - Haemoglobin – Cyanmethaemoglobin Method, and/or Haematocrit
- 90235 - Haemoglobin – Other Methods
- 90512 - Secretion Smear for Eosinophils
- 90515 - Sedimentation Rate
- 90640 - Candida Culture
- 90670 - Fungus, Direct Examination, KOH Preparation
- 90740 - Stained Smear
- 90785 - Trichomonas and/or Candida, Direct Examination
- 90795 - Examination for Pinworm Ova
- 91700 - Glucose – Semi-Quantitative
- 92005 - Occult Blood – Faeces
- 92007 - Fecal Immunochemical Test (Fit)–Collection Only
- 92108 - Pregnancy Test, Immunologic –Urine
- 92382 - Urinalysis – Complete Diagnostic, Semi-Quant and Micro
- 92385 - Urinalysis – Chemical or Any Part of (Screening)
- 92391 - Urinalysis – Microscopic Examination of Centrifuged Deposit
- 93120 - ECG Tracing, Without Interpretation (Technical Fee)¹
- 93170 - Sperm, Seminal Examination for Presence or Absence

CATEGORY 2A – HEMATOLOGY (Includes Category 1 Tests)

- 90020 ABO Typing
- 90060 - Clot Retraction
- 90080 - Antiglobulin Coombs Test - Direct
- 90090 - Eosinophil Count
- 90205 - Hematology Profile
- 90305 - Infectious Mononucleosis - Slide Agglutination
- 90315 - Latex Test (Rheumatoid Factor)
- 90370 - Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT)
- 90400 - Platelet Estimation on Film
- 90410 Preparation of Packed Cells, per Unit
- 90415 Preparation of Plasma, per Unit
- 90440 - Prothrombin Time/INR
- 90460 RBC Antibody Detection, per Tube
- 90465 - Blood Film Review
- 90490 - Reticulocyte Count and/or Heinz Bodies
- 90495 RH (D) Typing
- 90525 - Sickle Cell Identification
- 90545 - Thrombin Time

¹ While fee item 93120 ECG tracing is primarily a Medical Services Commission fee item, approved specimen collection stations may continue to offer ECG services (technical fee) and laboratory operators may continue to submit claims for this service.

CATEGORY 2B – MICROBIOLOGY (Includes Category 1 Tests)

- 90615 - Antibiotic Susceptibility Test: Semi-Quantitative
- 90620 - Biochemical Identification of Micro-Organism - per Organism
- 90720 - Routine Culture
- 90736 - Cervical Culture
- 90737 - Vaginal Culture
- 90738 - Urethral Culture
- 90739 - Combined Vagino-Anorectal or Vaginal Culture
- 90741 - Genital Culture – Other Site
- 90745 - Stool Culture (to include Campylobacter Identification)
- 90750 - Biochemical Identification of Micro-Organism in Stool
- 90751 - Molecular Identification, Stool Isolate
- 90760 - Streptococci – Rapid Test
- 90775 - Throat or Nose Culture
- 90780 - Throat or Nose Culture – Each Additional Culture
- 90790 - Urine Colony Count Culture

CATEGORY 2C – CLINICAL CHEMISTRY (Includes Category 1 Tests)

- 91000 - Primary Base Fee
- 91005 - Split Base Fee (Collecting Facility)
- 91010 - Split Base Fee (Referral Facility)
- 91030 - Acid Phosphatase, Total
- 91031 - Acid Phosphatase, Fractions – Each
- 91040 - Albumin – Serum/Plasma
- 91042 - Albumin – Transudate/Exudate
- 91065 - Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT)
- 91070 - Alkaline Phosphatase
- 91125 - Amylase – Cyst
- 91126 - Amylase – Serum/Plasma
- 91127 - Amylase – Transudate/Exudate
- 91128 - Amylase – Urine
- 91210 - Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST)
- 91235 - Bicarbonate – Serum/Plasma
- 91236 - Bicarbonate – Urine
- 91240 - Bile Pigments and Salts, Qualitative – Urine
- 91245 - Bilirubin, Total – Serum/Plasma
- 91246 - Bilirubin, Total – Transudate/Exudate
- 91250 - Bilirubin, Direct
- 91255 - Blood, Qualitative – Gastric
- 91326 - Calcium – Total, Serum/Plasma
- 91328 - Calcium – Urine Random
- 91355 - Cells, Count – CSF and Other Body Fluids
- 91356 - Cell Differential – CSF and Other Body Fluids
- 91366 - Chloride – Serum/Plasma
- 91368 - Chloride – Urine Random
- 91369 - Chloride – Whole Blood
- 91375 - Cholesterol, Total
- 91415 - Creatine Kinase (Phosphokinase)

CATEGORY 2C – CLINICAL CHEMISTRY (Continued...)

- 91420 - Creatinine – Random Urine
- 91421 - Creatinine – Serum/Plasma
- 91690 - Glucose – Gestational Assessment
- 91695 - Glucose Tolerance Test – Gestational Protocol
- 91705 - Glucose Quantitative – CSF
- 91706 - Glucose – Joint Fluid
- 91707 - Glucose – Serum/Plasma
- 91708 - Glucose – Transudate/Exudate
- 91709 - Glucose – Urine
- 91715 - Glucose Tolerance Test, 2 to 5 Hours
- 91716 - Glucose Tolerance Test – 6 hrs. or More
- 91725 - Glutamyl Transpeptidase (GTP)
- 91780 - High Density Lipoproteins Cholesterol (HDL Cholesterol)
- 91900 - Lactate Dehydrogenase – CSF
- 91901 - Lactate Dehydrogenase – Serum/Plasma
- 91902 - Lactate Dehydrogenase – Transudate/Exudates
- 92006 - Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) – Analysis Only
- 92100 - Potassium – Serum/Plasma
- 92102 - Potassium – Urine Random
- 92103 - Potassium – Whole Blood
- 92110 - Pregnancy Test – Serum
- 92145 - Proteins – Total, Quantitative – Including CSF
- 92146 - Proteins – Timed Urine Collection
- 92147 - Proteins – Total, Joint Fluid
- 92148 - Proteins – Total, Serum or Plasma
- 92149 - Proteins – Total, Transudate/Exudate
- 92200 - Salicylates, Qualitative, – Serum
- 92202 - Salicylates, Qualitative, – Urine
- 92230 - Sodium – Random Urine
- 92231 - Sodium – Serum/Plasma
- 92233 - Sodium – Whole Blood
- 92350 - Triglycerides – Serum/Plasma
- 92351 - Triglycerides – Transudate/Exudate
- 92365 - Urea – Amniotic Fluid
- 92366 - Urea – CSF
- 92368 - Urea – Serum/Plasma
- 92369 - Urea – Urine Random
- 92370 - Urea – Whole Blood
- 92375 - Uric Acid – Random Urine
- 92376 - Uric Acid – Serum/Plasma
- 92377 - Uric Acid – Synovial Fluid
- 92390 - Urinalysis, Macroscopic
- 92395 - Urinalysis, Microscopic
- 92396 - Microalbumin, Semi-Quantitative by Urine Dipstick
- 92397 - Protein Creatinine Ratio, Urine
- 92400 - Urobilin, Qualitative – Urine
- 92405 - Urobilinogen, Qualitative – Urine

FACILITY CATEGORY 2M

Category 3 minus all Microbiology fee items contained in the Laboratory Services Schedule of Fees– includes Category 1 tests.

FACILITY CATEGORY 3 – FULL APPROVAL

Category 3 includes Categories 1 and 2, plus the remainder of tests and procedures in the Laboratory Services Schedule of Fees, unless specifically excluded, as certain fee items could be restricted to specialty sites.

The following Categories and associated fee items are **specifically excluded from Category 3:**

FACILITY CATEGORY 2G – CYTOGENETICS

- 93015 - Cytogenetic Analysis - Short Term Blood Culture (Lymphocytes)
- 93020 - Cytogenetic Analysis - Bone Marrow/Malignant Effusion
- 93025 - Cytogenetic Analysis - Chorionic Villus Sampling
- 93030 - Cytogenetic Analysis - Cultured Amniotic Fluid
- 93035 - Cytogenetic Analysis - Cultured Tissue
- 93040 - Cytogenetic Analysis - Prenatal Foetal Blood Sample
- 93045 - Cytogenetic Analysis - Solid Tumours
- 93050 - Cytogenetic Analysis/FISH, Complex
- 93051 - Cytogenetic Analysis/Fluorescence/FISH, Single Probe
- 93053 - Cytogenetic Analysis/Fluorescence/FISH, Uncultured Amniotic
- 93055 - Special Staining (Giemsa II, DAPI/SCE, NOR)
- 93060 - Special Banding (Q-, R-, C-)
- 93065 - Amniotic Cell Culture - Analysis Only
- 93070 - Chromosomal Breakage Studies
- 93075 - Chromosomal Mosaicism – Investigation
- 93080 - Chromosome Analysis – High Resolution

FACILITY CATEGORY 2V – VIROLOGY

- 90815 Serological Tests - 1 to 3 Antigens
- 90820 Serological Tests - 4 or More Antigens
- 90825 Smear or Section for Electron Microscopy
- 90830 Virus Isolation
- 90831 Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Identification
- 90832 BK Polyoma Virus Identification by Nucleic Acid Amplification, Direct-Quantification
- 90833 Cytomegalovirus Viral (CMV) Identification by Nucleic Acid Amplification, Direct - Quantification
- 90835 HBV Drug Resistance Mutation Analysis

FACILITY CATEGORY 2S – SPECIALIZED

- 90127 - Factor V Leiden/PGM – 1st Gene
- 90128 - Factor V Leiden/PGM – 2nd Gene
- 90600 - Acid Fast Organisms – Culture
- 91023 - Acetyl COA: A-Glucosaminide-N-Acetyl Transferase, White Blood Cells
- 91027 - Acid Lipase, White Blood Cells
- 91037 - Acylcarnitine Profiling
- 91096 - Alpha-Iduronidase, White Blood Cells
- 91097 - Alpha-Mannosidase, White Blood Cells
- 91150 - Anti-Endomysium Antibodies
- 91180 - Apoprotein E Genotyping
- 91190 - Aryl Sulfatase A – Fibroblasts
- 91191 - Aryl Sulfatase A – White Blood Cells
- 91195 - Aryl Sulfatase B – Fibroblasts
- 91196 - Aryl Sulfatase B – White Blood Cells
- 91200 - Aryl Sulfatase C – Fibroblasts
- 91201 - Aryl Sulfatase C – White Blood Cells
- 91215 - B-Galactosidase – Fibroblasts
- 91216 - B-Galactosidase – White Blood Cells
- 91220 - B-Glucosidase – Fibroblasts
- 91221 - B-Glucosidase – White Blood Cells
- 91231 - Beta-Glucuronidase, White Blood Cells
- 91232 - Beta-Mannosidase, White Blood Cells
- 91430 - Culturing Skin Fibroblasts for Biochemical or DNA Analysis
- 91635 - Fecal Elastase
- 91665 - Galactocerebrosidase – Fibroblasts
- 91666 - Galactocerebrosidase – White Blood Cells
- 91730 - Glutathione Peroxidase
- 91762 - Heparan Sulfamidase, White Blood Cells
- 91775 - Hexosaminidase – Serum
- 91777 - Hexosaminidase, White Blood Cells
- 91800 - IGA Anti-Gliadin Antibodies
- 91805 - IGF - I (Somatomedin – C)
- 91992 - Mitochondrial Preparation – Muscle
- 91997 - N-Acetyl-Galactosamine-6-Sulfate Sulfatase, White Blood Cells
- 92010 - Organic Acids
- 92156 - Pyruvate Carboxylase, Fibroblasts
- 92157 - Pyruvate Dehydrogenase, Fibroblasts
- 92195 - Respiratory Chain Enzymes – Muscle
- 92210 - Secretin-Pancreozymin Test
- 92250 - Sphingomyelinase – Fibroblasts
- 92251 - Sphingomyelinase – White Blood Cells
- 92277 - Thiopurine Metabolites
- 92346 - Transferrin Isoelectric Focusing (Qualitative)
- 92425 - Very Long Chain Fatty Acids
- 92430 - Vitamin A
- 92435 - Vitamin B1
- 92440 - Vitamin B2
- 92445 - Vitamin B6
- 92465 - Vitamin E
- 92467 - White Blood Cell Preparation for Lysosomal Enzyme Testing
- 93052 - Cytogenetic Analysis/FISH, Subtelomeric Probe