



# Clinical Policy: Vitamin D Testing

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## Description

Vitamin D is metabolized in the liver to 25-hydroxyvitamin D [25(OH)D], (also known as calcidiol, CPT 82306), and then in the kidney to 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D [1,25(OH)2D], (also known as calcitriol, CPT 82652). 25(OH)D is the major circulating form of vitamin D and the best method for determining vitamin D status while 1,25(OH)2D is the active form of vitamin D. This policy addresses when vitamin D assay testing is appropriate and medically necessary.

## Policy/Criteria

- I. It is the policy of Coordinated Care of Washington, Inc., and Coordinated Care Corporation, that vitamin D assay testing may be **medically necessary** when the clinical criteria defined in the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Local Coverage Determination (LCD) L34051, including Billing and Coding guidelines A57719, are met.
- II. It is the policy of Coordinated Care that when Sensieva™ Droplet 25OH Vitamin D2/D3 Microvolume LC/MS Assay (0038U) is a covered service, medical necessity criteria will be as defined in LCD L34051 for Vitamin D, 25 hydroxy (82306).

## Coding Implications

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CPT® Codes	Description
82306	Vitamin D; 25 hydroxy, includes fraction(s), if performed
82652	Vitamin D; 1, 25 dihydroxy, includes fraction(s), if performed

HCPCS Codes	Description
0038U	Vitamin D, 25 hydroxy D2 and D3, by LC-MS/MS, serum microsample, quantitative

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New Policy	03/21	04/21
Clarified medical necessity criteria for 0038U.	05/21	06/21
Annual review. Added reference to coding guidelines. References updated.	04/22	05/22
Annual review. Updated references. Removed references to 0038U; code has been deleted.	10/22	11/22
Returned 0038U to policy. Deleted in error.	11/22	11/22
Annual review. Updated references.	11/23	11/23

**References**

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Local Coverage Determination L34051 – Vitamin D Assay Testing <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=34051&ver=42&bc=CAAAAAAAAAAAAA> Accessed 11/8/2023.
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Billing and Coding: Vitamin D Assay Testing. A57719. <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=57719&ver=14&Accessed> 11/8/2023.

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