



Technical Memorandum

To: Physicians, Clinical Staff, and Clients
From: Dr. Wesley Kim, M.D., Medical Director
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Subject: Allergen Specific IgE

Recently, the American Medical Association (AMA) made Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code changes to the 2018 CPT coding manual in regards to Allergen specific IgE testing, differentiating crude allergen extracts from recombinant or purified components used in the testing process.

To make sure the lab is aligned with these changes and to ensure streamlined resulting for allergens to our interfaced clients, DLS will be making a reporting structure and format change for allergy testing beginning September 17, 2018.

For most clients, test ordering for allergens will remain relatively unchanged. However, report formats will appear different as the lab moves from the current format of reporting in blocks of text to discrete analyte result reporting.

| Test Name | CPT Code |
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| Allergen specific IgE; crude allergen extract, each | 86003 |
| Allergen specific IgE; recombinant or purified component, each | 86008 |

The majority of DLS offered allergen tests falls into the crude allergen extract category. Reflex allergen testing for Peanut, Milk and Egg White however falls into the recombinant or purified component category.

We hope this will continue to simplify both the lab process and improve standardize reporting formats as well as ensure billing compliance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call DLS Client Services at 589-5101.