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PROVIDERFACTS



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Reminder Saliva Testing

A reminder was placed in the January *2010-014 ProviderFacts* article informing physicians that saliva testing was not covered. Please note, saliva testing for cortisol **is** covered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama when reported using Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code 82530 regardless of where the specimen is obtained.

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