

## Guidance for New York State (NYS) Medicaid Enrolled Laboratories Performing Testing for BRCA Mutations

The purpose of this communication is to call attention to changes in the NYS Medicaid Laboratory Procedure Code Manual surrounding genetic testing for BRCA mutations. Laboratory manuals can be found at the following link:

<https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Laboratory/index.aspx>

**BRCA** - Testing for mutations in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes of individuals at high risk for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer (HBOC) may be billed using one of the following codes: 81162, 81211, 81212, 81214, 81215, 81216, or 81217 if the patient meets NYS Medicaid criteria. Please view the current guidelines, which were published in the October 2015 Medicaid Update, at the following link:

[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/update/2015/2015-10.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2015/2015-10.htm)

**BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutation testing in conjunction with BRCA Large Rearrangement Test (BART) must be billed using CPT code 81162 effective 4/01/2016.**

**BRCA Large Rearrangement Test (BART)** – BART tests for large rearrangement mutations in BRCA genes. If a Medicaid member previously had testing for BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes (CPT code 81211) with negative test results, and BART testing was not performed, the patient may have BART only testing (represented by CPT code 81213). The addition of BART testing must be considered medically necessary.

For a Medicaid member where BRCA1 and BRCA2 testing is being ordered for the first time, BART is performed as a reflex test if the BRCA1 and BRCA2 test results are negative. When performing both tests, CPT Code 81162 must be billed.