

## **OCCG SERVICE SPECIFICATION (2017/18)**

### **Procedures Requested by Secondary Care Providers: Aural Toilet Prior to ENT Attendance and Blood Tests Prior to Outpatient Attendance**

#### **1. Introduction**

OCCG has approved two services to be delivered by practices where requested by providers of secondary care (hospital trusts) as follows:

- **Blood tests requested by hospital in advance of an outpatient appointment**
- **Aural toilet requested by hospital in advance of an ENT outpatient appointment**

#### **2. Aims**

The aims of commissioning GPs to carry out this examination are to:

- Provide care closer to home for patients
- Avoid unnecessary hospital appointments
- Reduce expenditure in secondary care

#### **3. Service Outline**

Under this service specification the following will be funded:

- Blood tests carried out in the practice at the request of secondary care providers in advance of, and specifically for the purposes of an upcoming hospital outpatient attendance.
- Aural toilet carried out in the practice at the request of secondary care providers in advance of, and specifically for the purposes of an upcoming ENT Department outpatient attendance. Claims can also be made for aural toilet at the request of providers of NHS audiology services under Any Qualified Provider contracts, e.g. Specsavers, Scrivens, The Outside Clinic (Complete Eyecare).

Practices must ensure that a record is kept of all requests from providers for these procedures to be carried out and make this information available for audit on request.

#### **4. Exceptions**

This specification does not cover blood tests carried out as part of the routine care of patient in primary care, or where covered in the specifications of other primary care services commissioned by OCCG (e.g. Warfarin Monitoring, Near Patient Testing).

Routine aural toilet procedures in primary care are not included in this specification.

#### **5. Payment**

In 2017/18 practices will receive payment as follows:

**Blood tests at request of secondary care ahead of OP attendance:   £7.50**

Payment for blood tests will be made based on actual activity carried out as reflected in quarterly activity monitoring reports to the CCG using the codes shown in Appendix 1 below.

**Aural toilet at request of secondary care ahead of ENT OP attendance: £15**

Payment for aural toilet will be made based on actual activity carried out as reflected in quarterly activity monitoring reports to the CCG using the codes shown in Appendix 1 below. Aural toilet at the request of AQP providers (e.g. Specsavers) is also included in this specification.

**6. Monitoring**

Practices are asked to submit a quarterly report of actual activity to the CCG using QUEST by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month following the end of each quarter during the year. Relevant Read Codes are shown in Appendix 1.

**7. Termination**

This service will terminate on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Any change or early termination of this agreement must be agreed by both Commissioner and Provider.

## APPENDIX 1

### Data Collection Specification for Primary Care Service for Procedures requested by Secondary Care Providers 2017/18

	Item	Read Code and Description
Search Population and for payment	Patients with aural toilet at the request of secondary care in advance of an OP attendance in the quarter	9N7P. Irrigation of external auditory canal generated from secondary care done by practice
Search Population and for payment	Patients with blood tests taken in the practice at the request of secondary care in advance of an OP attendance in the quarter	9N7D. Phlebotomy generated from secondary care done by practice

*Temporary residents will be included.*