

OCCG SERVICE SPECIFICATION (2020/21)

Procedures requested by secondary care providers: blood tests (prior to outpatient attendance) and aural toilet (prior to ENT attendance)

1. Introduction

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

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

Please refer to section 4. Exceptions

No part of this specification by commission, omission or implication defines or redefines essential or additional services.

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 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 patients in primary care; or where covered in the specifications of other OCCG primary care locally commissioned services e.g. Warfarin monitoring or Near patient testing. (*Please refer to the specifications for these for more information*).

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

5. Payment

Practices will receive payment as follows:

Blood tests at request of secondary care ahead of OP attendance: £7.65

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**.

Aural toilet at request of secondary care ahead of ENT OP attendance: £15.30

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**. (*Aural toilet at the request of AQP providers (e.g. Specsavers etc) is also included in this specification see 3. service outline*).

6. Monitoring

Data will be extracted from the Emis practice system by SCWCSU around the 15th of the month following the end of each quarter to monitor activity. Vision practices are requested to submit the necessary evidence for payment in the form of the search output from the clinical system and submit to SCWCSU by the 15th of the month following the end of each quarter. (Deadlines to be confirmed each quarter by SCWCSU).

7. Termination

This service will terminate on 31st March 2021. For termination ahead of this 3 months written notice must be given.

8. Contact

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APPENDIX 1

Data Collection Specification for Primary Care Service for Procedures requested by Secondary Care Providers 2020/21

	Item	Read Code and Description	SNOMED Codes
Search Population and for payment	Patients with aural toilet at the request of secondary care in advance of an OP attendance	9N7P. Irrigation of external auditory canal generated from secondary care done by practice	955071000000103
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	9N7D. Phlebotomy generated from secondary care done by practice	165791000000107

The data extraction is cumulative throughout the fiscal year taken at the end of each quarterly period. In all cases, patients who have died or left during the reporting period, but have received a service by the practice will be included. For information temporary patients are included. (Private patients are not included).

Please note SNOMED Codes are currently indicative, subject to data quality checks.