

TB Services and Reimbursement Barriers

TB diagnosis, treatment and infectious disease testing are included on the Fiscal Year 2022 Non-Chargeable List. Local Health Departments are prohibited from billing for these services.

This section of the manual will explain how to appropriately code and bill for TB services if they are removed from the Non-Chargeable list.

Code the appropriate Evaluation and Management Code (E&M)

Office visit (new/established)		New	Est
	Nurse visit (5min)		99211
	Problem focused straightfwd (10 min)		99212
	Expanded PF Stfwd/low (20 /15 min)	99202	99213
	Detailed low/mod (30 /25 min)	99203	99214
	Comprehensive/mod/high (45 /40 min)	99204	99215
	Comprehensive, high (60 min)	99205	

Preventative Visit (new/established)		New	Est
	Preventative Visit 1-4 yrs	99382	99392
	Preventative Visit 5-11 yrs	99383	99393
	Preventative Visit 12-17 yrs	99384	99394
	Preventative Visit 18-39 yrs	99385	99395
	Preventative Visit 40-64 yrs	99386	99396
	Preventative Visit 65> yrs	99387	99397

PPD test	86580	Z11.1	<i>Special screening examination for bacterial and spirochetal diseases; pulmonary tuberculosis</i>
		Z20.1	<i>Contact with and (suspected) exposure to tuberculosis (provides a reason for the screening)</i>

CPT code 86580 includes administering the skin test so you should not code separately for the administration.

Many patients who do not experience a reaction to the test may never return to the office for a reading, so the cost is not included.

- If the patient does return for a reading, you may code 99211 for the nurse reading.
- If the test is positive, a physician will typically have a face-to-face visit with the patient (99212-99214, office or other outpatient services).