

# **Technical Bulletin**

## Sofia 2 Lyme Fluorescent Immunoassay (FIA)

The recommended CPT® code for the Sofia 2 Lyme FIA assay is:

CPT Code	Description	
86618 QW*	Antibody; Borrelia burgdorferi (Lyme disease)	

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;QW" modifier is added to report use of CLIA-waived test system(s) for Medicare/Medicaid claims. For the Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule, go to https://www.cms.gov

#### **Relevant CPT/CMS Guidance:**

#### CPT 2021 Professional Edition p. 654:

"...if multiple assays are performed for antibodies of different immunoglobulin classes, each assay should be coded separately."

### NCCI Manual 2021 Ch.10, Section M.15 (pp. X-25-X-26)

■ "15. In the case of tests for infectious agents, methodologies include detection by immunofluorescence, immunoassay, or nucleic acid probe techniques. A single laboratory procedure shall be reported as one unit of service whether it generates one or multiple results. CPT codes that test for a single infectious agent that employ one procedure, one methodology, or one test kit are reported with one unit of service.

CPT codes that test for multiple infectious agents are reported with one unit of service if one procedure, one methodology, or one test kit is used to perform the test (e.g., 87300, 87451, 87800, 87801). When multiple procedures, multiple methodologies, or multiple kits are medically necessary and used to perform a test for multiple infectious agents, the units of service reported for CPT codes that identify multiple infectious agents equals the number of different procedures, methodologies, or kits used to perform the test.

For example, if a provider/supplier tests for 5 different species of an infectious agent using a single multiple-result test kit, only 1 unit of service for that test kit may be reported. However, if a provider/supplier tests for 3 different species of an infectious agent by using 3 different single result test kits, the provider/supplier may report 3 UOS of the appropriate CPT code."

Quidel Corporation recommends that providers contact their contracted payors to determine appropriate coding and charge or payment levels prior to submitting claims.

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