

Exhaled Condensate pH Breath Test

Description	<p>The exhaled condensate pH breath test measures the pH value of breath condensate as a patient exhales. The patient exhales air through a mouthpiece into a cooling chamber that converts the sample into liquid droplets that can be analyzed. It is under study to assess patients with respiratory conditions including asthma, cystic fibrosis (CF), chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and other breathing conditions.</p>				
See also	<p>Similar, related, or easily confused documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Exhaled Nitric Oxide Breath Test - Measures the concentration of nitric oxide (NO) in the breath when exhaled, as a means to diagnose patients with asthma and to determine likelihood of medication responsiveness.				
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Commercial

Introduction	<p>This section applies to all Commercial members. Benefit details depend on the member’s brand: Dean (including Dean Health Plan (DHP) and Prevea360), Mayo Medical Plan (MMP), or Medica (including MHPS).</p>						
Dean (DHP, Prevea360)	<p>Medical Policy, <i>Exhaled Breath Tests for Asthma and Other Inflammatory Pulmonary Conditions: Exhaled Nitric Oxide Breath Test and Exhaled Breath condensate pH Measurement (MP9560)</i>, applies.</p> <p>Tip: For instructions on locating policies, see Coverage and Prior Authorization Guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Considered investigative, not covered.						
Mayo Medical Plan (MMP)	<p>Coverage depends on the provider.</p> <table><tr><th>Provider</th><th>Coverage</th></tr><tr><td>Mayo provider</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quote office visit or outpatient hospital benefits.</td></tr><tr><td>Non-Mayo provider</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medica’s Coverage Policy, <i>Exhaled Breath Tests for Asthma and Other Inflammatory Pulmonary Conditions: Exhaled Nitric Oxide Breath Test and Exhaled Breath condensate pH Measurement</i>, applies.• Tip: For instructions on locating policies, see Coverage and Prior Authorization Guidelines.• Considered investigative, not covered.</td></tr></table>	Provider	Coverage	Mayo provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quote office visit or outpatient hospital benefits.	Non-Mayo provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medica’s Coverage Policy, <i>Exhaled Breath Tests for Asthma and Other Inflammatory Pulmonary Conditions: Exhaled Nitric Oxide Breath Test and Exhaled Breath condensate pH Measurement</i>, applies.• Tip: For instructions on locating policies, see Coverage and Prior Authorization Guidelines.• Considered investigative, not covered.
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Government Programs

Introduction	This section applies to all Medicaid and Medicare products.						
AccessAbility (SNBC), Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)	<p>Medicaid only groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">See Medicaid below. <p>Medicare eligible groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Considered investigative, not covered.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Note: If the member says this is medically necessary, offer a Member-Initiated PA (Organization Determination) Request.Follows Medicare guidelines.Medicare is the primary payer.If no Medicare eligibility, Medicaid applies. See Medicaid below.						
AccessAbility Enhanced (I-SNBC), DUAL (MSHO)	<p>Medica’s Coverage Policy, <i>Exhaled Breath Tests for Asthma and Other Inflammatory Pulmonary Conditions: Exhaled Nitric Oxide Breath Test and Exhaled Breath condensate pH Measurement</i>, applies.</p> <p>Tip: For instructions on locating policies, see Coverage and Prior Authorization Guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Considered investigative, not covered.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Note: If the member says this is medically necessary, offer a Member-Initiated PA (Organization Determination) Request.Medica is the only payer.						
Cost (Prime)	<p>Check for an LCD or NCD. If one does not exist, Medica’s Coverage Policy, <i>Exhaled Breath Tests for Asthma and Other Inflammatory Pulmonary Conditions: Exhaled Nitric Oxide Breath Test and Exhaled Breath condensate pH Measurement</i>, applies.</p> <p>Tip: For instructions on locating policies, see Coverage and Prior Authorization Guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Considered investigative, not covered.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Note: If the member says this is medically necessary, offer a Member-Initiated PA (Organization Determination) Request.Follows Medicare guidelines.						
Med Advantage	<p>Medica’s Coverage Policy, <i>Exhaled Breath Tests for Asthma and Other Inflammatory Pulmonary Conditions: Exhaled Nitric Oxide Breath Test and Exhaled Breath condensate pH Measurement</i>, applies.</p> <p>Tip: For instructions on locating policies, see Coverage and Prior Authorization Guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Considered investigative, not covered.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Note: If the member says this is medically necessary, offer a Member-Initiated PA (Organization Determination) Request.Follows Medicare guidelines.Medica is the only payer.						
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Individual and Family Business (IFB)

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