

# Cell-Free Fetal DNA Testing (for North Carolina Only)

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## Application

This Medical Policy only applies to the State of North Carolina.

## Coverage Rationale

For medical necessity clinical coverage criteria, refer to the [North Carolina Medicaid \(Division of Health Benefits\) Clinical Coverage Policy, Laboratory Services: 1S-4, Genetic Testing](#).

## Applicable Codes

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Coverage Determination Guidelines may apply.

| CPT Code | Description   |
|----------|---|
| *0060U   | Twin zygosity, genomic targeted sequence analysis of chromosome 2, using circulating cell-free fetal DNA in maternal blood  |
| *0168U   | Fetal aneuploidy (trisomy 21, 18, and 13) DNA sequence analysis of selected regions using maternal plasma without fetal fraction cutoff, algorithm reported as a risk score for each trisomy  |
| *0327U   | Fetal aneuploidy (trisomy 13, 18, and 21), DNA sequence analysis of selected regions using maternal plasma, algorithm reported as a risk score for each trisomy, includes sex reporting, if performed   |
| *0488U   | Obstetrics (fetal antigen noninvasive prenatal test), cell-free DNA sequence analysis for detection of fetal presence or absence of 1 or more of the Rh, C, c, D, E, Duffy (Fya), or Kell (K) antigen in alloimmunized pregnancies, reported as selected antigen(s) detected or not detected  |
| *0489U   | Obstetrics (single-gene noninvasive prenatal test), cell-free DNA sequence analysis of 1 or more targets (e.g., CFTR, SMN1, HBB, HBA1, HBA2) to identify paternally inherited pathogenic variants, and relative mutation-dosage analysis based on molecular counts to determine fetal inheritance of maternal mutation, algorithm reported as a fetal risk score for the condition (e.g., cystic fibrosis, spinal muscular atrophy, beta hemoglobinopathies [including sickle cell disease], alpha thalassemia) |

| CPT Code | Description   |
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| *0494U   | Red blood cell antigen (fetal RhD gene analysis), next-generation sequencing of circulating cell-free DNA (cfDNA) of blood in pregnant individuals known to be RhD negative, reported as positive or negative |
| 81420    | Fetal chromosomal aneuploidy (e.g., trisomy 21, monosomy X) genomic sequence analysis panel, circulating cell-free fetal DNA in maternal blood, must include analysis of chromosomes 13, 18, and 21           |
| *81422   | Fetal chromosomal microdeletion(s) genomic sequence analysis (e.g., DiGeorge syndrome, Cri-du-chat syndrome), circulating cell-free fetal DNA in maternal blood   |
| *81479   | Unlisted molecular pathology procedure  |
| 81507    | Fetal aneuploidy (trisomy 21, 18, and 13) DNA sequence analysis of selected regions using maternal plasma, algorithm reported as a risk score for each trisomy  |

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Codes labeled with an asterisk (\*) are not on the State of North Carolina Medicaid Fee Schedule and therefore may not be covered by the State of North Carolina Medicaid Program.

| Diagnosis Code | Description   |
|----------------|---|
| O09.00         | Supervision of pregnancy with history of infertility, unspecified trimester                       |
| O09.01         | Supervision of pregnancy with history of infertility, first trimester                             |
| O09.02         | Supervision of pregnancy with history of infertility, second trimester                            |
| O09.03         | Supervision of pregnancy with history of infertility, third trimester                             |
| O09.10         | Supervision of pregnancy with history of ectopic pregnancy, unspecified trimester                 |
| O09.11         | Supervision of pregnancy with history of ectopic pregnancy, first trimester                       |
| O09.12         | Supervision of pregnancy with history of ectopic pregnancy, second trimester                      |
| O09.13         | Supervision of pregnancy with history of ectopic pregnancy, third trimester                       |
| O09.211        | Supervision of pregnancy with history of pre-term labor, first trimester                          |
| O09.212        | Supervision of pregnancy with history of pre-term labor, second trimester                         |
| O09.213        | Supervision of pregnancy with history of pre-term labor, third trimester                          |
| O09.219        | Supervision of pregnancy with history of pre-term labor, unspecified trimester                    |
| O09.291        | Supervision of pregnancy with other poor reproductive or obstetric history, first trimester       |
| O09.292        | Supervision of pregnancy with other poor reproductive or obstetric history, second trimester      |
| O09.293        | Supervision of pregnancy with other poor reproductive or obstetric history, third trimester       |
| O09.299        | Supervision of pregnancy with other poor reproductive or obstetric history, unspecified trimester |
| O09.30         | Supervision of pregnancy with insufficient antenatal care, unspecified trimester                  |
| O09.31         | Supervision of pregnancy with insufficient antenatal care, first trimester                        |
| O09.32         | Supervision of pregnancy with insufficient antenatal care, second trimester                       |
| O09.33         | Supervision of pregnancy with insufficient antenatal care, third trimester                        |
| O09.40         | Supervision of pregnancy with grand multiparity, unspecified trimester                            |
| O09.41         | Supervision of pregnancy with grand multiparity, first trimester                                  |
| O09.42         | Supervision of pregnancy with grand multiparity, second trimester                                 |
| O09.43         | Supervision of pregnancy with grand multiparity, third trimester                                  |
| O09.511        | Supervision of elderly primigravida, first trimester  |
| O09.512        | Supervision of elderly primigravida, second trimester   |
| O09.513        | Supervision of elderly primigravida, third trimester  |
| O09.519        | Supervision of elderly primigravida, unspecified trimester  |
| O09.521        | Supervision of elderly multigravida, first trimester  |
| O09.522        | Supervision of elderly multigravida, second trimester   |
| O09.523        | Supervision of elderly multigravida, third trimester  |

| Diagnosis Code | Description  |
|----------------|--|
| O09.529        | Supervision of elderly multigravida, unspecified trimester   |
| O09.611        | Supervision of young primigravida, first trimester   |
| O09.612        | Supervision of young primigravida, second trimester  |
| O09.613        | Supervision of young primigravida, third trimester   |
| O09.619        | Supervision of young primigravida, unspecified trimester   |
| O09.621        | Supervision of young multigravida, first trimester   |
| O09.622        | Supervision of young multigravida, second trimester  |
| O09.623        | Supervision of young multigravida, third trimester   |
| O09.629        | Supervision of young multigravida, unspecified trimester   |
| O09.70         | Supervision of high-risk pregnancy due to social problems, unspecified trimester                             |
| O09.71         | Supervision of high-risk pregnancy due to social problems, first trimester                                   |
| O09.72         | Supervision of high-risk pregnancy due to social problems, second trimester                                  |
| O09.73         | Supervision of high-risk pregnancy due to social problems, third trimester                                   |
| O09.811        | Supervision of pregnancy resulting from assisted reproductive technology, first trimester                    |
| O09.812        | Supervision of pregnancy resulting from assisted reproductive technology, second trimester                   |
| O09.813        | Supervision of pregnancy resulting from assisted reproductive technology, third trimester                    |
| O09.819        | Supervision of pregnancy resulting from assisted reproductive technology, unspecified trimester              |
| O09.821        | Supervision of pregnancy with history of in utero procedure during previous pregnancy, first trimester       |
| O09.822        | Supervision of pregnancy with history of in utero procedure during previous pregnancy, second trimester      |
| O09.823        | Supervision of pregnancy with history of in utero procedure during previous pregnancy, third trimester       |
| O09.829        | Supervision of pregnancy with history of in utero procedure during previous pregnancy, unspecified trimester |
| O09.891        | Supervision of other high-risk pregnancies, first trimester  |
| O09.892        | Supervision of other high-risk pregnancies, second trimester   |
| O09.893        | Supervision of other high-risk pregnancies, third trimester  |
| O09.899        | Supervision of other high-risk pregnancies, unspecified trimester  |
| O09.90         | Supervision of high-risk pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester                                       |
| O09.91         | Supervision of high-risk pregnancy, unspecified, first trimester   |
| O09.92         | Supervision of high-risk pregnancy, unspecified, second trimester  |
| O09.93         | Supervision of high-risk pregnancy, unspecified, third trimester   |
| O09.A0         | Supervision of pregnancy with history of molar pregnancy, unspecified trimester                              |
| O09.A1         | Supervision of pregnancy with history of molar pregnancy, first trimester                                    |
| O09.A2         | Supervision of pregnancy with history of molar pregnancy, second trimester                                   |
| O09.A3         | Supervision of pregnancy with history of molar pregnancy, third trimester                                    |
| O26.20         | Pregnancy care for patient with recurrent pregnancy loss, unspecified trimester                              |
| O26.21         | Pregnancy care for patient with recurrent pregnancy loss, first trimester                                    |
| O26.22         | Pregnancy care for patient with recurrent pregnancy loss, second trimester                                   |
| O26.23         | Pregnancy care for patient with recurrent pregnancy loss, third trimester                                    |
| O26.841        | Uterine size-date discrepancy, first trimester   |
| O26.842        | Uterine size-date discrepancy, second trimester  |
| O26.843        | Uterine size-date discrepancy, third trimester   |
| O26.849        | Uterine size-date discrepancy, unspecified trimester   |
| O26.851        | Spotting complicating pregnancy, first trimester   |

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| O26.852        | Spotting complicating pregnancy, second trimester  |
| O26.853        | Spotting complicating pregnancy, third trimester   |
| O26.859        | Spotting complicating pregnancy, unspecified trimester   |
| O26.891        | Other specified pregnancy related conditions, first trimester  |
| O26.892        | Other specified pregnancy related conditions, second trimester   |
| O26.893        | Other specified pregnancy related conditions, third trimester  |
| O26.899        | Other specified pregnancy related conditions, unspecified trimester  |
| O26.90         | Pregnancy related conditions, unspecified, unspecified trimester   |
| O26.91         | Pregnancy related conditions, unspecified, first trimester   |
| O26.92         | Pregnancy related conditions, unspecified, second trimester  |
| O26.93         | Pregnancy related conditions, unspecified, third trimester   |
| O28.0          | Abnormal hematological finding on antenatal screening of mother  |
| O28.1          | Abnormal biochemical finding on antenatal screening of mother  |
| O28.2          | Abnormal cytological finding on antenatal screening of mother  |
| O28.3          | Abnormal ultrasonic finding on antenatal screening of mother   |
| O28.4          | Abnormal radiological finding on antenatal screening of mother   |
| O28.5          | Abnormal chromosomal and genetic finding on antenatal screening of mother  |
| O28.8          | Other abnormal findings on antenatal screening of mother   |
| O28.9          | Unspecified abnormal findings on antenatal screening of mother   |
| O35.00X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) central nervous system malformation or damage in fetus, unspecified, not applicable or unspecified                     |
| O35.01X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) central nervous system malformation or damage in fetus, agenesis of the corpus callosum, not applicable or unspecified |
| O35.02X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) central nervous system malformation or damage in fetus, anencephaly, not applicable or unspecified                     |
| O35.03X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) central nervous system malformation or damage in fetus, choroid plexus cysts, not applicable or unspecified            |
| O35.04X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) central nervous system malformation or damage in fetus, encephalocele, not applicable or unspecified                   |
| O35.05X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) central nervous system malformation or damage in fetus, holoprosencephaly, not applicable or unspecified               |
| O35.06X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) central nervous system malformation or damage in fetus, hydrocephaly, not applicable or unspecified                    |
| O35.07X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) central nervous system malformation or damage in fetus, microcephaly, not applicable or unspecified                    |
| O35.08X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) central nervous system malformation or damage in fetus, spina bifida, not applicable or unspecified                    |
| O35.09X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) other central nervous system malformation or damage in fetus, not applicable or unspecified                            |
| O35.10X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) chromosomal abnormality in fetus, unspecified, not applicable or unspecified   |
| O35.11X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) chromosomal abnormality in fetus, Trisomy 13, not applicable or unspecified  |
| O35.12X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) chromosomal abnormality in fetus, Trisomy 18, not applicable or unspecified  |
| O35.13X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) chromosomal abnormality in fetus, Trisomy 21, not applicable or unspecified  |
| O35.14X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) chromosomal abnormality in fetus, Turner Syndrome, not applicable or unspecified                                       |

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| O35.15X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) chromosomal abnormality in fetus, sex chromosome abnormality, not applicable or unspecified                 |
| O35.19X0       | Maternal care for (suspected) chromosomal abnormality in fetus, other chromosomal abnormality, not applicable or unspecified              |
| O35.2XX0       | Maternal care for (suspected) hereditary disease in fetus, not applicable or unspecified  |
| O35.AXX0       | Maternal care for other (suspected) fetal abnormality and damage, fetal facial anomalies, not applicable or unspecified                   |
| O35.BXX0       | Maternal care for other (suspected) fetal abnormality and damage, fetal cardiac anomalies, not applicable or unspecified                  |
| O35.CXX0       | Maternal care for other (suspected) fetal abnormality and damage, fetal pulmonary anomalies, not applicable or unspecified                |
| O35.DXX0       | Maternal care for other (suspected) fetal abnormality and damage, fetal gastrointestinal anomalies, not applicable or unspecified         |
| O35.EXX0       | Maternal care for other (suspected) fetal abnormality and damage, fetal genitourinary anomalies, not applicable or unspecified            |
| O35.FXX0       | Maternal care for other (suspected) fetal abnormality and damage, fetal musculoskeletal anomalies of trunk, not applicable or unspecified |
| O35.GXX0       | Maternal care for other (suspected) fetal abnormality and damage, fetal upper extremities anomalies, not applicable or unspecified        |
| O35.HXX0       | Maternal care for other (suspected) fetal abnormality and damage, fetal lower extremities anomalies, not applicable or unspecified        |
| O99.210        | Obesity complicating pregnancy, unspecified trimester   |
| O99.211        | Obesity complicating pregnancy, first trimester   |
| O99.212        | Obesity complicating pregnancy, second trimester  |
| O99.213        | Obesity complicating pregnancy, third trimester   |
| O99.280        | Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases complicating pregnancy, unspecified trimester   |
| O99.281        | Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases complicating pregnancy, first trimester   |
| O99.282        | Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases complicating pregnancy, second trimester  |
| O99.283        | Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases complicating pregnancy, third trimester   |
| O99.284        | Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases complicating childbirth   |
| O99.285        | Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases complicating the puerperium   |
| O99.310        | Alcohol use complicating pregnancy, unspecified trimester   |
| O99.311        | Alcohol use complicating pregnancy, first trimester   |
| O99.312        | Alcohol use complicating pregnancy, second trimester  |
| O99.313        | Alcohol use complicating pregnancy, third trimester   |
| O99.320        | Drug use complicating pregnancy, unspecified trimester  |
| O99.321        | Drug use complicating pregnancy, first trimester  |
| O99.322        | Drug use complicating pregnancy, second trimester   |
| O99.323        | Drug use complicating pregnancy, third trimester  |
| O99.330        | Smoking (tobacco) complicating pregnancy, unspecified trimester   |
| O99.331        | Smoking (tobacco) complicating pregnancy, first trimester   |
| O99.332        | Smoking (tobacco) complicating pregnancy, second trimester  |
| O99.333        | Smoking (tobacco) complicating pregnancy, third trimester   |
| O99.340        | Other mental disorders complicating pregnancy, unspecified trimester  |
| O99.341        | Other mental disorders complicating pregnancy, first trimester  |
| O99.342        | Other mental disorders complicating pregnancy, second trimester   |
| O99.343        | Other mental disorders complicating pregnancy, third trimester  |

| Diagnosis Code | Description   |
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| O99.810        | Abnormal glucose complicating pregnancy   |
| O99.814        | Abnormal glucose complicating childbirth  |
| Q95.0          | Balanced translocation and insertion in normal individual                         |
| Q95.1          | Chromosome inversion in normal individual   |
| Q95.2          | Balanced autosomal rearrangement in abnormal individual                           |
| Q95.3          | Balanced sex/autosomal rearrangement in abnormal individual                       |
| Q95.5          | Individual with autosomal fragile site  |
| Q95.8          | Other balanced rearrangements and structural markers                              |
| Q95.9          | Balanced rearrangement and structural marker, unspecified                         |
| Z34.00         | Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified trimester              |
| Z34.01         | Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, first trimester                    |
| Z34.02         | Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, second trimester                   |
| Z34.03         | Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, third trimester                    |
| Z34.80         | Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, unspecified trimester        |
| Z34.81         | Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, first trimester              |
| Z34.82         | Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, second trimester             |
| Z34.83         | Encounter for supervision of other normal pregnancy, third trimester              |
| Z34.90         | Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, unspecified trimester |
| Z34.91         | Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, first trimester       |
| Z34.92         | Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, second trimester      |
| Z34.93         | Encounter for supervision of normal pregnancy, unspecified, third trimester       |
| Z36.0          | Encounter for antenatal screening for chromosomal anomalies                       |
| Z36.1          | Encounter for antenatal screening for raised alphafetoprotein level               |
| Z36.2          | Encounter for other antenatal screening follow-up                                 |
| Z36.3          | Encounter for antenatal screening for malformations                               |
| Z36.4          | Encounter for antenatal screening for fetal growth retardation                    |
| Z36.5          | Encounter for antenatal screening for isoimmunization                             |
| Z36.81         | Encounter for antenatal screening for hydrops fetalis                             |
| Z36.82         | Encounter for antenatal screening for nuchal translucency                         |
| Z36.83         | Encounter for fetal screening for congenital cardiac abnormalities                |
| Z36.89         | Encounter for other specified antenatal screening                                 |
| Z36.8A         | Encounter for antenatal screening for other genetic defects                       |
| Z3A.09         | 9 weeks gestation of pregnancy  |
| Z3A.10         | 10 weeks gestation of pregnancy   |
| Z3A.11         | 11 weeks gestation of pregnancy   |
| Z3A.12         | 12 weeks gestation of pregnancy   |
| Z3A.13         | 13 weeks gestation of pregnancy   |
| Z3A.14         | 14 weeks gestation of pregnancy   |
| Z3A.15         | 15 weeks gestation of pregnancy   |
| Z3A.16         | 16 weeks gestation of pregnancy   |
| Z3A.17         | 17 weeks gestation of pregnancy   |
| Z3A.18         | 18 weeks gestation of pregnancy   |
| Z3A.19         | 19 weeks gestation of pregnancy   |
| Z3A.20         | 20 weeks gestation of pregnancy   |
| Z3A.21         | 21 weeks gestation of pregnancy   |

| Diagnosis Code | Description                                  |
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| Z3A.22         | 22 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.23         | 23 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.24         | 24 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.25         | 25 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.26         | 26 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.27         | 27 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.28         | 28 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.29         | 29 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.30         | 30 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.31         | 31 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.32         | 32 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.33         | 33 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.34         | 34 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.35         | 35 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.36         | 36 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.37         | 37 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.38         | 38 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.39         | 39 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.40         | 40 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.41         | 41 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.42         | 42 weeks gestation of pregnancy              |
| Z3A.49         | Greater than 42 weeks gestation of pregnancy |

## U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

This section is to be used for informational purposes only. FDA approval alone is not a basis for coverage.

Laboratories that perform DNA-based prenatal tests for trisomy 21, 18, and 13 are regulated by the FDA under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments. Refer to the following website for more information:

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/ivd-regulatory-assistance/clinical-laboratory-improvement-amendments-clia>.  
(Accessed May 9, 2024)

### Additional Product Information (Not All Inclusive)

- Harmony™ Prenatal Test (Roche)
- MaterniT21® PLUS (LabCorp®)
- Panorama™ Prenatal Test (Natera™, Inc.)
- PreSeek™ (Baylor Genetics)
- QNatal® Advanced (Quest Diagnostics™)
- SensiGene (Sequenom Laboratories)
- UNITY Screen™ (Billion to One)
- Vanadis™ NIPT Test (Revvity)
- Verifi® Prenatal Test (Illumina®, Inc.)
- Vistara™ (Natera™, Inc.)

## References

North Carolina Division of Health Benefits (NCDHHS), Clinical Coverage Policies, Genetic Testing No: 1S-4. Available at: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/1s-4-genetic-testing/download?attachment>. Accessed October 22, 2024.

## Policy History/Revision Information

| Date       | Summary of Changes   |
|------------|--|
| 12/01/2024 | <p data-bbox="337 205 581 235"><b>Applicable Codes</b></p> <ul data-bbox="337 239 1500 390" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="337 239 1500 296">• Updated list of applicable CPT codes to reflect quarterly edits; added 0488U, 0489U, and 0494U</li><li data-bbox="337 300 1500 390">• Added notation to indicate CPT codes 0488U, 0489U, and 0494U are not on the State of North Carolina Medicaid Fee Schedule and therefore may not be covered by the State of North Carolina Medicaid Program</li></ul> <p data-bbox="337 394 662 424"><b>Supporting Information</b></p> <ul data-bbox="337 428 959 457" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="337 428 959 457">• Archived previous policy version CSNCT0560.06</li></ul> |

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