



Mayo Clinic Laboratories is pleased to offer prior authorization services and third party billing on our Lipodystrophy Gene Panel, Variates (LIPOG). To utilize our prior authorization services on this test, you must follow the process as outlined below.

### **Ordering and Prior Authorization Process**

Mayo Clinic Laboratories utilizes an extract and hold process for prior authorization. To order LIPOG with prior authorization services, complete this document as instructed below by insurance type. **You must order test code LIPOG and send the completed paperwork in with the sample.** The receipt of the paperwork and sample at Mayo Clinic Laboratories will trigger the extract and hold process and generate a request to the MCL Business Office to verify your patient's insurance coverage for the testing and begin any additional prior authorization services.

If the expected patient out-of-pocket expense is \$200 or less after prior authorization services, Mayo Clinic Laboratories will automatically proceed with LIPOG testing. If the expected patient out-of-pocket expense is greater than \$200, Mayo Clinic Laboratories will seek approval from the client contact listed on the Patient Demographics and Third Party Billing Information form **before proceeding** with LIPOG testing. The MCL Business Office offers interest-free payment plans on balances over \$200.

### **Commercial Insurance**

For patients with commercial insurance, complete the following, staple them together and send with the specimen:

- Patient Demographics and Third Party Billing Information form (required)
- Letter of Medical Necessity (required)
- Copy of front and back of insurance card (if available)

**Note:** The Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN) form is not required for commercial insurance-covered patients.

### **Medicare**

For patients with Medicare, complete the following, staple them together and send with the specimen:

- Patient Demographics and Third Party Billing Information form (required)
- Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN) form (required – see separate ABN form: MC2934-334)
- Copy of front and back of secondary insurance card (if applicable)

Attach the ABN form and copy of the secondary insurance card to the Patient Demographics and Third Party Billing Information form and send with the specimen.

**Note:** The Letter of Medical Necessity and a copy of the Medicare card are not required for Medicare-covered patients.

### **Medicaid**

Mayo Clinic Laboratories may be able to file claims for your Medicaid-covered patients. Before ordering, contact the MCL Business Office at 800-447-6424 to discuss. Have the patient's Medicaid information available when calling.

**Note:** These instructions are subject to change at any time. Call the MCL Business Office at 800-447-6424 with any questions.



## Prior Authorization Patient Demographics and Third Party Billing Information

**Client Order Number**

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**Patient Demographics and Insurance Information**

Patient Name (Last, First Middle)		Birth Date (mm-dd-yyyy)	
Sex Assigned at Birth <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Choose not to disclose		Legal/Administrative Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Nonbinary	
Patient Mailing Address		City	State ZIP Code
Primary Insurance Company Name	Insurance Subscriber ID No. / Policy No.	Insurance Group No. (if applicable)	
Primary Insurance Company Mailing Address		City	State ZIP Code
Primary Insurance Company Phone	Subscriber Name (if different than patient) and Relationship to Patient		

**Order Information**

MCL Test ID <b>LIPOG</b>	Name of desired MCL test <b>Lipodystrophy Gene Panel, Varies</b>		
ICD-10 Codes (use number codes to highest specificity)		Service/Collection Date (mm-dd-yyyy)	
Referring Provider Name (Last, First)		Referring Provider's National Provider ID (NPI)	

**Client Account and Client Contact Information**

MCL Client Account Number (if known)	Referring Client Facility Name		
Contact Name	Contact Phone		
Contact Email	Date Today (mm-dd-yyyy)		

**Attach the Following to This Completed Form**

- Letter of Medical Necessity (required except for Medicare patients) – template provided on page 3
- Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN) form (required for Medicare patients only) – see separate form: MC2934-334
  - Templates provided on the following pages
- Copy of front and back of patient's insurance card (if available)

## Letter of Medical Necessity for Lipodystrophy Gene Panel (LIPOG) Testing

Patient Name (Last, First Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (mm-dd-yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Group \_\_\_\_\_

ICD-10 Codes \_\_\_\_\_

To Whom It May Concern:

We are requesting preauthorization for the Hereditary Lipodystrophy Gene Panel, Varies (LIPOG) performed by

Mayo Clinic Laboratories for (insert patient name) \_\_\_\_\_

Patient's personal medical history is significant for \_\_\_\_\_

Patient's family history is significant for \_\_\_\_\_

Due to the patient's medical history, a diagnosis of lipodystrophy is suspected, and genetic testing is recommended.

Lipodystrophies are rare conditions characterized primarily by the inability to properly store adipose tissue in the absence of nutritional deficit or catabolic state. Lipodystrophies can be genetic (hereditary) or acquired (caused by environmental factors, such as illness).

**Rationale:** The use of genetic testing to aid in the diagnosis of lipodystrophy is supported by experts in the field.<sup>1</sup> Test results will have a direct impact on this patient's medical management, screening, and prevention of potential complications, including diabetes, dyslipidemia, and liver, kidney, and heart disease.

Genetic testing is used to confirm a diagnosis and/or identify at-risk individuals. This testing would allow for the unequivocal diagnosis of a gene variant causative of the patient's medical history, and would have significant implications for the patient's clinical management regarding decision-making and medical management. For example, identification of a disease-associated variant would confirm a diagnosis of a hereditary lipodystrophy syndrome and warrant ongoing screening for diabetes mellitus, dyslipidemia, liver disease, reproductive dysfunction, cardiac disease, kidney disease, and/or malignancy. Additionally, identification of a disease-associated variant would allow for treatment of these conditions through diet, exercise, and possible introduction of medications. A positive genetic test result would provide a definitive cause for this patient's medical history and would ensure this patient is being treated appropriately.

A negative genetic test result could also be informative. A negative result may help to reinforce that the patient does not have a hereditary lipodystrophy, or alternatively it could indicate that additional genetic testing (such as whole exome or whole genome sequencing) should be considered to confirm an alternate diagnosis and allow for gene-specific management and screening.

Genetic testing can confirm a diagnosis of a heritable lipodystrophy, and a positive result may mean family members are at up to a 50% risk of being affected, or of being a carrier for a hereditary lipodystrophy. When a familial variant has been identified, genetic testing can identify family members who are not at increased risk to develop lipodystrophy. No other test can reliably differentiate unaffected family members, who do not require further health screening, from presymptomatic affected family members, who must be followed closely by an internist with more specialized referrals as needed based on the clinical presentation.

Test requested: Lipodystrophy Gene Panel, Varies (LIPOG) is a cost-effective test that utilizes next-generation sequencing (NGS) to evaluate the 12 genes for hereditary lipodystrophy-associated variants.

Laboratory information: Testing would be performed at Mayo Clinic Laboratories (TIN# 411346366 / NPI# 1093792350), a CAP-accredited and CLIA-certified laboratory, using 2020 CPT codes: 81406 (x2), 81408, 81479.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our preauthorization request. We look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Ordering Provider Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information \_\_\_\_\_

**References**

1. Brown RJ, Araujo-Vilar D, Cheung PT, et al. The Diagnosis and Management of Lipodystrophy Syndromes: A Multi-Society Practice Guideline. J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2016;101(12):4500-4511. doi:10.1210/jc.2016-2466

**MAYO CLINIC LABORATORIES**

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 800-447-6424

Patient Name (First Middle Last)

MCL Order Number

**Advance Beneficiary Notice of Non-coverage (ABN)**

Medicare doesn't pay for everything, even some care you or your health care provider think you need. **We expect Medicare may not pay for the item, test, service or care listed below.** If Medicare doesn't pay, you may have to pay.

Item, Test, Service or Care	Reason Medicare May Not Pay	Estimated Cost
<b>LIPOG/Lipodystrophy Gene Panel, Varies</b>	Patient's personal and family history of cancer does not meet Medicare's medical necessity coverage criteria for this laboratory test.	\$2,400.00

**What to do now**

- Read this notice to make an informed decision about your care.
- Ask any questions you have.
- Choose one option below to let us know if you still want to get the item, test, service or care.

**Choose ONE option below. We can't choose for you.**

If you choose Option 1 or 2, we may help you use any other insurance you might have, but Medicare can't require us to do this.

- OPTION 1: I want the item, test, service or care listed above, and I want Medicare to be billed for an official decision on payment, which I'll get on a Medicare Summary Notice (MSN).** You can ask to be paid now. I understand that if Medicare doesn't pay, I'm responsible to pay, but I can appeal to Medicare by following the directions on the MSN. If Medicare does pay, you'll refund any payments I made to you, minus co-pays or deductibles.
- OPTION 2: I want the item, test, service or care listed above, but don't bill Medicare.** You can ask to be paid now and I'm responsible to pay. I understand that I can't appeal, since Medicare isn't billed.
- OPTION 3: I don't want the item, test, service or care listed above.** I understand I'm not responsible for payment and I can't appeal to see if Medicare would pay.

**Additional Information:**

This notice gives our opinion, not an official Medicare decision. For other questions about this notice or Medicare billing, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048. Signing below means you received and understand this notice. You can ask to get a copy.

Signature

Date (mm-dd-yyyy)

You have the right to get Medicare information in an accessible format, like large print, Braille, or audio. You also have the right to file a complaint if you feel you've been discriminated against. Visit [Medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice](https://www.medicare.gov/about-us/accessibility-nondiscrimination-notice).

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