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Clinical coverage policy 1S-8, Drug Testing for Opioid Treatment and controlled Substance Monitoring was published effective November 1, 2017. The yearly limitations outlined in the policy are based on a state fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) but the limits for the current year were effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2017.

Providers have notified DMA that drug screenings on dates of service prior to 11/1 are being counted resulting in unexpected denials. Providers are receiving one of two EOBs

- 53140 - ONLY 24 PRESUMPTIVE DRUG SCREENINGS ALLOWED PER STATE FISCAL YEAR
- 53300 - ONLY 24 DEFINITIVE DRUG SCREENINGS ALLOWED PER STATE FISCAL YEAR

DMA is working with CSRA to correct this issue and will publish another bulletin and provider notification when this has been resolved. At that point providers may resubmit claims denied with dates of service on or after November 1, 2017.

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