

Ordering a unique test (such as a lab test that does not have a professional and technical component)

- Credit the order of each unique test on the day of the visit, whether you perform and bill the test or send it out
- Do not credit the review at this visit, or a subsequent visit; reviewing the results is inherent to the order, per the AMA

Review of results of a unique test (such as a lab test that does not have a professional and technical component)

- Credit the review if you did not order the test at a prior office visit, examples below
- Credit the review if you ordered the test over the phone, not at a visit
- Credit the review if another practitioner (different group/different specialty) ordered the test and you are reviewing it

Order of a test with a professional and technical component (EKG, x-ray) that the practice **is** performing and billing for

- Do not credit the order, the review of the results or an independent interpretation

Order of a test with a professional and technical component (EKG, x-ray) that the practice **is not** performing and billing for

- Credit the order
- If an independent interpretation is done, credit an independent interpretation

Review of the results of a test with a professional and technical component (EKG, x-ray) that the practice is **not** performing and billing but ordered the test

- Credit the order
- If an independent interpretation is done, credit an independent interpretation

In order to credit an independent interpretation

- The test must be identified by a CPT code
- The test must have a professional and technical component
- The practice must not be billing for or have billed in the past for the service globally or for the professional component
- The practitioner must view the image or tracing, interpret the image or tracing and document their interpretation in the record
- The interpretation does not need to be formal. “I looked at her EKG from the ED visit over the weekend, and it shows....”