

Cardio Diagnostics Receives Final Gapfill Payment Rates for AI-Driven Cardiovascular Tests from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The final gapfill payment rate for both the Epi+Gen CHD™ and PrecisionCHD™ tests is higher at \$854 compared to the preliminary gapfill payment rates of \$350 for Epi+Gen CHD™ and \$684.76 for PrecisionCHD™.

CHICAGO - [Cardio Diagnostics Holdings, Inc.](#) (Nasdaq: CDIO), an AI-powered precision cardiovascular medicine company, today announced that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a final gapfill payment rate of \$854 for both the Epi+Gen CHD™ and PrecisionCHD™ tests. This finalized rate represents an increase from the preliminary gapfill payment rates of \$350 for Epi+Gen CHD™ and \$684.76 for PrecisionCHD™. Obtaining the final rate represents a positive development and will be effective for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2026.

"We are pleased with the final payment rate," said Meesha Dogan, PhD., CEO and Co-Founder of Cardio Diagnostics. "Obtaining the final rate is a significant step in our efforts to expand access to our advanced cardiovascular tests for Medicare beneficiaries."

Cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of death in the United States, particularly among Americans aged 65 and older. In 2022 alone, [over 700,000 Americans died from heart disease](#), with coronary heart disease (CHD) accounting for more than 370,000 deaths.

PrecisionCHD™ is a groundbreaking AI-powered test designed to aid in the diagnosis of CHD by analyzing both genetic and epigenetic markers. Meanwhile, Epi+Gen CHD™ provides insight into a patient's three-year risk for a CHD event, such as a heart attack. Both tests are performed from a simple blood draw, enabling scalable, accessible, and non-invasive cardiovascular assessment. Both tests received dedicated CPT Proprietary Laboratory Analysis (PLA) codes from the American Medical Association, 0439U for Epi+Gen CHD and 0440U for PrecisionCHD, that became effective on April 1, 2024.

About Cardio Diagnostics

Cardio Diagnostics is an artificial intelligence-powered precision cardiovascular medicine company that makes cardiovascular disease prevention, detection, and management more accessible, personalized, and precise. The Company was formed to further develop and commercialize clinical tests by leveraging a proprietary Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven Integrated Genetic-Epigenetic Engine ("Core Technology") for cardiovascular disease to become one of the leading medical technology companies for improving prevention, detection, and treatment of cardiovascular disease. For more information, please visit <https://cdio.ai/>.

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