



# CompuNet Clinical Laboratory

## Diabetes Mellitus Testing — CPT 83036 (Hemoglobin A1c)

CPT: 83036 Hemoglobin A1c (laboratory assay only) • Limited Coverage Summary

### Coverage Indications, Limitations, and/or Medical Necessity

Hemoglobin A1c (A1c) reflects average glycemia over ~8–12 weeks and is used to establish baseline control and monitor therapy in patients with diabetes. Under AHS–G2006, A1c is covered only for established diabetes, annual high-risk screening, prediabetes annual screening, and during pregnancy when diabetes is present.

### Indications — When A1c Meets Coverage Criteria

**Established diabetes mellitus (any type):** baseline at diagnosis; **q6 months** if at goal; **q3 months** if not at goal or therapy changed; **q3 months** in pregnancy when diabetes is present.

**Prediabetes:** annual screening.

**Adults ≥18 with risk factors:** annual screening for obesity/overweight, family history of diabetes, cardiovascular disease or hypertension, dyslipidemia, metabolic syndrome, PCOS, acanthosis nigricans, MASLD (fatty liver), or history of GDM.

**Pregnancy with established diabetes:** pre-existing diabetes in pregnancy or current gestational diabetes.

### Limitations — When A1c is Not Covered

Acute or persistent classic diabetic symptoms (use glucose-based tests instead).

Routine pregnancy screening without established diabetes or prediabetes (use FPG/OGTT).

Cystic fibrosis diabetes screening (use OGTT).

Conditions with increased red cell turnover (e.g., sickle cell disease, dialysis, erythropoietin therapy, recent transfusion/blood loss) — A1c may be inaccurate; prefer glucose-based testing.

### ICD-10 Codes Commonly Used & Medically Supportive for 83036

#### Diabetes Mellitus (all billable subcodes covered)

E08.xxx • E09.xxx • E10.xxx • E11.xxx • E13.xxx

#### Prediabetes / Abnormal Glucose

R73.01 • R73.02 • R73.03 • R73.09 • Z13.1

#### Adult Risk Factors (Annual Screening)

E66.01 • E66.09 • E66.1 • E66.2 • E66.3 • E66.8 • E66.9 • Z68.30–Z68.45 • Z83.3 • I10 • I25.10 • I50.9 • E78.0 • E78.2 • E78.5 • E88.81 • L83 • E28.2 • K76.0 • Z86.32

#### Pregnancy with Diabetes (A1c covered)

O24.011–O24.03x • O24.111–O24.13x • O24.311–O24.33x • O24.410–O24.419