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Dear Mr. Carlsen,

This letter is in response to your request for assistance regarding CPT code 86903.

It would be inappropriate to report CPT code 86903, *Blood typing; antigen screening for compatible blood units using reagent serum, per unit screened*, for each antigen tested. According to the instructions for CPT code 86903 should be billed for each unit screened. Therefore, if a single unit of blood is tested for multiple antigens, 86903 would be reported only once.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,


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