Test Name:	AFB Isolate for Identification
Test Methodology:	Acid-fast bacilli samples will be confirmed by an acid-fast smear and identified using phenotypic and molecular testing methods (e.g., Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization-Time of Flight (MALDI-TOF) mass spectrometry).
Test to be Performed:	AFB Isolate for ID
CPT:	87206 83789 Other CPT for identifying isolates
Reflex Testing Criteria:	If *M. tuberculosis* complex is isolated from a new patient, drug susceptibility testing will be performed, and an isolate will be sent for TB genotyping per Title 17.
Pre-Approval Required:	None
Accepted Specimens:	Pure isolates on solid, tubed media. Slants (LJ/7H10) are the preferred culture media for submission. Viable growth should be present on subculture.
Specimen Stability:	Room temperature: up to 4 weeks. Refrigerated (2 – 8°C): up to 6 months. Frozen: Subculture prior to submission.
Storage/Transport Conditions:	Ambient temperature. Ensure isolate is secured with parafilm or tape. Ship using appropriate DOT/IATA requirements. Suspected MTBC cultures should be shipped as Category A Infectious Substance.
Turnaround Time:	3-4 weeks
Reference Range:	Not applicable
Comments:	For questions regarding submissions, please contact the lab for further information.