Test Name:	*Salmonella*/*Shigella* Culture
Test Methodology:	Aerobic culture on selective media for isolation and identification of *Salmonella* and/or *Shigella* utilizing conventional biochemical, antisera agglutination, and MALDI-TOF (if applicable).
Test to be Performed:	Enteric Culture
CPT:	87045
Reflex Testing Criteria:	If *Salmonella* or *Shigella* sp. are identified, isolate will be submitted to the State's Microbial Disease Laboratory for further testing (per Title 17 CCR).
Pre-Approval Required:	None
Accepted Specimens:	Stool (minimum volume: 1 g or 1 mL) collected in Para-Pak C&S. Rectal swabs in Amies transport medium are considered suboptimal.
Specimen Stability:	Stool in Para-Pak C&S (modification of Cary-Blair): 2-30°C within 4 days of collection. Frozen: Unacceptable Rectal Swab Plus Amies Charcoal 5-25°C within 24 hours of collection. Frozen: Unacceptable
Storage/Transport Conditions:	Ensure specimen is sent in container containing a screw-top cap that is secured with parafilm or tape. Ship with cold or ice packs using appropriate DOT/IATA approved shipping procedures.
Turnaround Time:	4 days
Reference Range:	No Salmonella or Shigella sp. isolated
Comments:	For questions regarding submissions, please contact the lab for further information.