

Attention Providers!



Effective October 1, 2006, Medicare will only generate the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant remittance advice – transaction 835 version 004010A1 – to all electronic remittance advice receivers. For more details, see MLN Matters article SE0656 at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0656.pdf>.

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Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for October 2006

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare carriers and fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for clinical diagnostic laboratory services provided for Medicare beneficiaries

Impact on Providers

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 5293, which announces the changes that will be included in the October 2006 release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services.

Background

The National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) for clinical diagnostic laboratory services were developed by the laboratory negotiated rulemaking committee and published as a final rule on November 23, 2001. Subsequently, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) contracted for nationally uniform software to be developed and incorporated into its shared systems so that laboratory claims

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subject to one of the 23 NCDs can be processed uniformly throughout the nation effective January 1, 2003. The 23 national coverage determinations are listed below:

1. Culture, Bacterial, Urine
2. Human Immunodeficiency Virus Testing (Prognosis including monitoring)
3. Human Immunodeficiency Virus Testing (Diagnosis)
4. Blood Counts
5. Partial Thromboplastin Time
6. Prothrombin Time
7. Serum Iron Studies
8. Collagen Crosslinks, Any Method
9. Blood Glucose Testing
10. Glycated Hemoglobin/Glycated Protein
11. Thyroid Testing
12. Lipids
13. Digoxin Therapeutic Drug Assay
14. Alpha-fetoprotein
15. Carcinoembryonic Antigen
16. Human Chorionic Gonadotropin
17. Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay - CA125
18. Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay CA 15-3/CA 27.29
19. Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay CA 19-9
20. Prostate Specific Antigen
21. Gamma Glutamyl Transferase
22. Hepatitis Panel/Acute Hepatitis Panel
23. Fecal Occult Blood

The laboratory edit module for the NCDs is updated quarterly (as necessary) to reflect coding updates and substantive changes to the NCDs developed through the NCD process. (See the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* (Pub.100-4), Chapter 16, §120.2,

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c16.pdf>).

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CR5293 informs your Medicare carrier and FI about changes in the laboratory NCD code lists for October, 2006, that require updating of the laboratory edit module. These changes become effective for services furnished on or after October 1, 2006.

Changes are being made to the NCD code lists for services furnished on or after October 1, 2006, are as follows:

190.12 - Urine Culture, Bacterial

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Urine Culture, Bacterial (190.12) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 288.00, 288.01, 288.02, 288.03, 288.04, 288.09, 608.20, 608.21, 608.22, 608.23, 608.24, 616.81, 616.89, 780.96, 780.97, 788.64 and 788.65.

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **deleted** from the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Urine Culture, Bacterial (190.12) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 288.0, 608.2 and 616.8.

190.14 - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Testing (Diagnosis)

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Testing (Diagnosis) (190.14) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 052.2, 053.14, 054.74, 288.00, 288.01, 288.02, 288.03, 288.04, 288.09, 288.4, 288.50, 288.51, 288.59, 288.60, 288.61, 288.62, 288.63, 288.64, 288.65, 288.69, 289.53 and 331.83.

The following ICD-9-CM code is being **deleted** from the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Testing (Diagnosis) (190.14) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM code 288.0.

190.15 - Blood Counts

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes that do not support medical necessity for the Blood Counts (190.15) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 338.0, 338.11, 338.12, 338.18, 338.19, 338.21, 338.22, 338.28, 338.29, 338.4, 389.15, 389.16, 478.11, 478.19, 521.81, 521.89, 525.60, 525.61, 525.62, 525.63, 525.64, 525.65, 525.66, 525.67, 525.69, 526.61, 526.62, 526.63, 526.69, 608.20, 608.21, 608.22, 608.23, 608.24, 618.84, V26.34, V26.35, V45.86, V72.11 and V72.19.

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- ICD-9-CM codes 521.8 and V72.1 are **deleted** from the list of codes that do not support medical necessity for the Blood Counts (190.15) NCD.

190.16 - Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT)

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT)(190.16) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 238.71, 238.72, 238.73, 238.74, 238.75, 238.76, 238.79, 277.30, 277.31, 277.39, 289.81, 649.30, 649.31, 649.32, 649.33, 649.34, 649.50, 649.51, 649.53, 998.12, 995.20, 995.21, 995.27, and 995.29.

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **deleted** from the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT)(190.16) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 238.7, 277.3 and 995.2.

190.17 - Prothrombin Time (PT)

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Prothrombin Time (PT) (190.17) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 238.71, 238.72, 238.73, 238.74, 238.75, 238.76, 238.79, 277.30, 277.31, 277.39, 289.81, 649.30, 649.31, 649.32, 649.33, 649.34, 649.50, 649.51, 649.53, 995.20, 995.21, 995.27, and 995.29.

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **deleted** from the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Prothrombin Time (PT) (190.17) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 238.7, 277.3 and 995.2.

190.18 - Serum Iron Studies

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Serum Iron Studies (190.18) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 238.71, 238.72, 238.73, 238.74, 238.75, 238.76, and 238.79.

The following ICD-9-CM code is being **deleted** from the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Serum Iron Studies (190.18) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM code 238.7.

190.20 - Blood Glucose Testing

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Blood Glucose Testing (190.20) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 331.83, 528.00, 528.09, 649.20, 649.21, 649.22, 649.23, 649.24 and 780.32.

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The following ICD-9-CM code is being **deleted** from the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Blood Glucose Testing (190.20) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM code 528.0.

190.22 - Thyroid Testing

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Thyroid Testing (190.22) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 331.83, 780.96 and 780.97.

The following ICD-9-CM code is being **deleted** from the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Thyroid Testing (190.22) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM code 793.9.

190.23 - Lipids Testing

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Lipids Testing (190.23) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 277.30, 277.31 and 277.39.

The following ICD-9-CM code is being **deleted** from the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Lipids Testing (190.23) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM code 277.3.

190.24 - Digoxin Therapeutic Drug Assay

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Digoxin Therapeutic Drug Assay (190.24) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 995.20, 995.21, 995.27 and 995.29.

The following ICD-9-CM code is being **deleted** from the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Digoxin Therapeutic Drug Assay (190.24) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM code 995.2.

190.25 - Alpha-fetoprotein

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Alpha-fetoprotein (190.25) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes V86.0, V86.1, 795.89 and 338.3.

190.26 - Carcinoembryonic Antigen

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Carcinoembryonic Antigen (190.26) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 795.81, 795.89 and 338.3.

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190.27 - Human Chorionic Gonadotropin

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (190.27) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 795.89 and 338.3.

190.28 - Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay CA 125

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay CA 125 (190.28) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 795.82, 795.89 and 338.3.

190.29 - Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay CA 15-3/CA27.29

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being added to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay CA 15-3/CA27.29 (190.29) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 338.3 and 795.89.

190.30 - Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay CA 19.9

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay CA 19.9 (190.30) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 338.3 and 795.89.

190.31 - Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA)

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being added to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) (190.31) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 600.00, 600.10, 600.11, 600.21, 788.64 and 788.65.

190.32 - Gamma Glutamyl Transferase (GGT)

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Gamma Glutamyl Transferase (GGT) (190.32) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 238.71, 238.72, 238.73, 238.74, 238.75, 238.76, 238.79, 277.30, 277.31 and 277.39.

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **deleted** from the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Gamma Glutamyl Transferase (GGT) (190.32) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 238.7 and 277.3.

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190.33 - Hepatitis Panel/Acute Hepatitis Panel

The following ICD-9-CM code of 780.32 is being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Hepatitis Panel/Acute Hepatitis Panel (190.33) NCD.

190.34 - Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT)

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) (190.34) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM codes 284.2 and 338.3.

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **deleted** from the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for the Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) (190.34) NCD:

- ICD-9-CM code 995.2.

List of denied ICD-9-CM codes for all NCDs

The following ICD-9-CM codes are being **added** to the list of denied ICD-9-CM codes for all NCDs:

- ICD-9-CM codes V18.51, V18.59, V82.71 and V82.79.

ICD-9-CM code V18.5 is **deleted** from the list of denied ICD-9-CM codes for all NCDs.

Implementation

The implementation date for CR5293 is October 2, 2006.

Additional Information

To see the official instruction issued to your carrier/intermediary regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1050CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier/intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

Flu Shot Reminder

September is the perfect time to start talking with your patients about getting the flu shot. Medicare provides coverage for the flu vaccine and its administration. Please encourage your Medicare patients to take advantage of this vital benefit. And don't forget – health care professionals and their staff benefit from the flu vaccine also. **Protect Yourself. Protect Your Patients. Get Your Flu Shot.**

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