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CHANGE REQUEST 3722

**SUBJECT: Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD)
Edit Software for April 2005**

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This transmittal announces that there will be no recurring update to the NCD laboratory edit software for April 2005.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE*: April 01, 2005

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 04, 2005

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**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual not updated.)
(R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED) – (Only One Per Row.)**

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
N/A	

III. FUNDING: No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2005 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

	Business Requirements
	Manual Instruction
	Confidential Requirements
	One-Time Notification
X	Recurring Update Notification

*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.

Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The NCDs for clinical diagnostic laboratory services were developed by the laboratory negotiated rulemaking committee and published as a final rule on November 23, 2001. Nationally uniform software has been developed by Computer Science Corporation (CSC) and incorporated in the shared systems so that laboratory claims subject to one of the 23 NCDs are processed uniformly throughout the nation effective January 1, 2003. The laboratory edit module for the NCDs may be updated quarterly as necessary to reflect ministerial coding updates and substantive changes to the NCDs developed through the NCD process. (See Pub. 100-4, Chapter 16, §120.2.)

B. Policy: There will be no update of the lab edit module for April 2005. Contractors should continue to use the version of the edit module that was included in the January 2005 release.

C. Provider Education: None.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement

"Should" denotes an optional requirement

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
3722.1	Contractors shall continue to process claims using the January 2005 NCD edit software.	All carriers & FIs

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

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C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

IV. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

<p>Effective Date: April 1, 2005</p> <p>Implementation Date: April 4, 2005</p> <p>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Jackie Sheridan-Moore 410-786-4635</p> <p>Post-Implementation Contact(s): Jackie Sheridan-Moore 410-786-4635</p>	<p>These instructions shall be implemented within your current operating budget.</p>
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