

CMS Manual System

Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing

Transmittal 864

Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Date: FEBRUARY 17, 2006

Change Request 4328

SUBJECT: Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for April 2006

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: In accordance with chapter 16, section 120.2, the laboratory edit module is updated quarterly. This instruction communicates requirements to shared system maintainers and contractors notifying them of changes to the laboratory edit module to update it for changes in laboratory NCD code lists for April 2006.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2006

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 3, 2006

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

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 2006 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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

Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

Pub. 100-04	Transmittal: 864	Date: February 17, 2006	Change Request 4328
-------------	------------------	-------------------------	---------------------

SUBJECT: Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for April 2006

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This transmittal announces the changes that will be included in the April 2006 release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services. 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 Sciences Corporation 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 will 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: In accordance with chapter 16, section §120.2, the laboratory edit module is updated quarterly. The changes are a result of coding analysis decisions developed under the procedures for maintenance of codes in the negotiated NCDs. Several of the listed changes correct codes to reflect the current CPT update. This instruction communicates requirements to shared system maintainers and contractors notifying them of changes to the laboratory edit module to update it for changes in laboratory NCD code lists for April 2006. Changes are being made to the NCD code lists as described below. These changes become effective for services furnished on or after April 1, 2006.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

“Shall” denotes a mandatory requirement

“Should” denotes an optional requirement

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
4328.1	The module developer shall add ICD-9-CM code 790.4, Nonspecific elevation of levels of transaminase or lactic acid dehydrogenase (LDH), to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for Hepatitis Panel/Acute Hepatitis									CSC

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)							
		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers			
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F		
	billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.								

IV. 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

C. Interfaces: N/A

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

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

Effective Date*: April 1, 2006 Implementation Date: April 3, 2006 Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Maria Ciccanti 410-786-3107 Post-Implementation Contact(s): ROs	No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.
--	---

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