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## *Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for October 2005*

**Note:** This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS website and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

### Provider Types Affected

Laboratories billing Medicare carriers or intermediaries for clinical diagnostic laboratory services

### Provider Action Needed

CR4005 announces changes to the list of codes included in the October 2005 release of the Medicare Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services. These changes are a result of new ICD-9-CM code changes that become effective October 1, 2005.

### Background

The NCDs for clinical diagnostic laboratory services were developed by the laboratory negotiated rulemaking committee and published as final rule, 66 FR, 58788, on November 23, 2001. Nationally uniform software was developed by Computer Sciences Corporation and incorporated into the Medicare claim processing systems so that laboratory claims subject to any of the 23 NCDs are processed uniformly throughout the nation, effective January 1, 2003.

In addition, the laboratory edit module for the NCDs is updated quarterly as necessary to reflect ministerial coding updates and substantive changes to the NCDs developed through the NCDs process. (See the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Pub. 100-4, Chapter 16, Section, 120.2*. This manual may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c16.pdf> on the CMS website.)

CR4005 announces the changes that will be included in the October 2005 release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services. Those changes, which become effective October 1, 2005, include the following:

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**Urine Culture**

In accordance with the coding analysis, CMS is adding new ICD-9-CM code **585.6, End Stage Renal Disease**, to the list of ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare for Urine Culture. CMS is deleting ICD-9-CM code **585, Chronic Renal Failure**, from the same list for this NCD.

**Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Testing (Diagnosis)**

CMS is adding new ICD-9-CM codes to the list of ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Testing (Diagnosis). Those codes are as follows:

287.30 - Primary thrombocytopenia, unspecified	287.33 - Congenital and hereditary thrombocytopenic purpura
287.31 - Immune thrombocytopenic purpura	287.39 - Other primary thrombocytopenia
287.32 - Evans' syndrome	

CMS is deleting ICD-9-CM code **287.3, PrimaryThrombocytopenia**, from the same list for this NCD.

**Blood Counts**

CMS is adding new ICD-9-CM codes to the list of ICD-9-CM Codes That Do Not Support Medical Necessity for Medicare for Blood Counts. Those codes are as follows:

443.82 - Erythromelalgia	V26.31 - Testing for genetic disease carrier status
525.40 - Complete edentulism, unspecified	V26.32 - Other genetic testing
525.41- Complete edentulism, class I	V26.33 - Genetic counseling
525.42 - Complete edentulism, class II	V49.84 - Bed confinement status
525.43 - Complete edentulism, class III	V59.70 – Egg (oocyte) (ovum) donor, unspecified
525.44 - Complete edentulism, class IV	V59.71 - Egg (oocyte) (ovum) donor, under age 35,anonymous recipient
525.50 - Partial edentulism, unspecified	V59.72 - Egg (oocyte) (ovum) donor, under age 35,designated recipient
525.51 - Partial edentulism, class I	V59.73 - Egg (oocyte) (ovum) donor, age 35 and over,anonymous recipient
525.52 - Partial edentulism, class II	V59.74 - Egg (oocyte) (ovum) donor, age 35 and over,designated recipient
525.53 - Partial edentulism, class III	V62.84 - Suicidal ideation
525.54 - Partial edentulism, class IV	

CMS is deleting ICD-9-CM code **V26.3, Genetic Counseling and Testing**, from the same list for this NCD.

**Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT)**

CMS is adding new ICD-9-CM codes to the list of ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare for Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT). Those codes are as follows:

287.30 - Primary thrombocytopenia, unspecified	585.4 Chronic kidney disease, Stage IV (severe)
287.31 - Immune thrombocytopenic purpura	585.5 Chronic kidney disease, Stage V
287.32 - Evans' syndrome	585.6 - End stage renal disease
287.33 - Congenital and hereditary thrombocytopenic purpura	585.9 Chronic kidney disease, unspecified
287.39 - Other primary thrombocytopenia	

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CMS is deleting ICD-9-CM codes, **287.3, Primary Thrombocytopenia**, and **585, Chronic Renal Failure**, from the same list for this NCD.

**Prothrombin Time (PT)**

CMS is adding new ICD-9-CM codes to the list of ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare for Prothrombin Time (PT). Those codes are as follows:

287.30 - 287.39 as defined in the section on Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT) above	585.4 – 585.9 as defined in the section on Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT) above.
443.82 Erythromelalgia	

CMS is deleting ICD-9-CM code, **287.3, PrimaryThrombocytopenia**, and **585, Chronic Renal Failure**, from the same list for this NCD.

**Serum Iron Studies**

CMS is adding new ICD-9-CM codes to the list of ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare for Serum Iron Studies. Those codes are as follows:

287.30 – 287.39 as defined in the section on Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT) above.	585.4 – 585.9 as defined in the section on Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT) above.
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CMS is deleting ICD-9-CM codes **287.3, PrimaryThrombocytopenia**, and **585, Chronic Renal Failure**, from the same list for this NCD.

**Blood Glucose Testing**

CMS is adding new ICD-9-CM codes to the list of ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare for Blood Glucose Testing. Those codes as follows:

276.50 Volume depletion, unspecified	276.52 Hypovolemia
276.51 Dehydration	

CMS is deleting ICD-9-CM code **276.5, Volume Depletion**, from the same list for this NCD.

**Thyroid Testing**

CMS is adding new ICD-9-CM codes to the list of ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare for Thyroid Testing. Those codes are as follows:

327.00 - Organic insomnia, unspecified	327.29 - Other organic sleep apnea
327.01 - Insomnia due to medical condition classified elsewhere	327.52 - Sleep related leg cramp
327.09 - Other organic insomnia	327.8 - Other organic sleep disorders

**Lipid Testing**

CMS is adding new ICD-9-CM codes to the list of ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare for Lipid Testing. Those codes are as follows:

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278.02 - Overweight	585.4 – 585.9 as defined in Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT) above.
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CMS is deleting ICD-9-CM code **585, Chronic Renal Failure**, from the same list for this NCD.

**Digoxin Therapeutic Drug Assay**

CMS is adding new ICD-9-CM codes to the list of ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare for Digoxin Therapeutic Drug Assay. Those codes are as follows:

276.50 - Volume depletion, unspecified	585.3 - Chronic kidney disease, Stage III (moderate)
276.51 - Dehydration	585.4 - Chronic kidney disease, Stage IV (severe)
276.52 - Hypovolemia	585.5 - Chronic kidney disease, Stage V
426.82 - Long QT syndrome	585.6 - End stage renal disease
585.1 - Chronic kidney disease, Stage I	585.9 - Chronic kidney disease, unspecified
585.2 - Chronic kidney disease, Stage II (mild)	

CMS is deleting ICD-9-CM codes **276.5, Volume Depletion**, and **585, Chronic Renal Failure**, from the same list for this NCD.

**Prostate Specific Antigen Testing**

CMS is adding new ICD-9-CM codes to the list of ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare for Prostate Specific Antigen Testing. Those codes are as follows:

599.60 - Urinary obstruction, unspecified	599.69 - Urinary obstruction, not elsewhere classified
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CMS is deleting ICD-9-CM codes, **599.6, Urinary Obstruction**, from the same list for this NCD.

**Gamma Glutamyl Transferase Testing**

CMS is adding new ICD-9-CM codes to the list of ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare for Gamma Glutamyl Transferase Testing. Those codes are as follows:

291.82 - Alcohol induced sleep disorders	567.39 - Other retroperitoneal infections
567.21 - Peritonitis (acute) generalized	567.81 - Choleperitonitis
567.22 - Peritoneal abscess	567.82 - Sclerosing mesenteritis
567.23 - Spontaneous bacterial peritonitis	567.89 - Other specified peritonitis
567.29 - Other suppurative peritonitis	585.6 - End Stage Renal Disease
567.38 - Other retroperitoneal abscess	

CMS is deleting ICD-9-CM codes, **567.2, Suppurat Peritonitis NEC**, **567.8, Peritonitis NEC**, and **585, Chronic Renal Failure**, from the same list for this NCD.

**Fecal Occult Blood Testing**

CMS is adding ICD-9-CM codes 287.30 – 287.39 (as defined in Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT) above) to the list of ICD-9-CM Codes Covered by Medicare for Fecal Occult Blood Testing. CMS is deleting ICD-9-CM code, **287.3, PrimaryThrombocytopenia**, from the same list for this NCD.

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### *Negotiated Laboratory NCDs*

In accordance with the coding analysis, CMS is adding new ICD-9-CM codes to the list of ICD-9-CM Codes Not Covered by Medicare for the Negotiated Laboratory NCDs. Those codes are as follows:

V17.81 - Family history, Osteoporosis	V18.9 - Family history, Genetic disease carrier
V17.89 - Family history, Other musculoskeletal diseases	

CMS is deleting ICD-9-CM code, *V17.8, Family history of certain chronic disabling diseases*, from the same list.

### Implementation Date

The implementation date for this instruction is October 3, 2005.

### Additional Information

To see the official instruction issued to your carrier/intermediary regarding this change may be found by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R651CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions regarding this issue, contact your carrier/intermediary on their toll free number which is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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