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SUBJECT: Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Correction for the Caffeine Halothane Contracture Test for Malignant Hyperthermia Susceptibility

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This instruction notifies carriers of one HCPCS correction for code 89049, Caffeine halothane contracture test (CHCT) for malignant hyperthermia susceptibility, including interpretation and report. HCPCS code 89049 currently is subject to Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) edits and has a laboratory certification (LC) code of 610 (histopathology). This HCPCS code is not considered a test under CLIA. Hence, it will be removed from CLIA edits, including removing the LC code of 610.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL :

EFFECTIVE DATE : January 1, 2006

IMPLEMENTATION DATE : October 2, 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 = 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 2006 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

One-Time Notification Form

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

Attachment – One-Time Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This instruction notifies carriers of a HCPCS correction for code 89049, Caffeine halothane contracture test (CHCT) for malignant hyperthermia susceptibility, including interpretation and report. HCPCS code 89049 currently is subject to Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) edits and has a laboratory certification (LC) code of 610 (histopathology). This HCPCS code is not considered a test under CLIA. Hence, it needs to be removed from CLIA edits, including removing the LC code of 610.

B. Policy: The CLIA regulations require a facility to be appropriately certified for each test performed. To ensure that Medicare and Medicaid only pay for laboratory tests in a facility with a valid, current CLIA certificate, laboratory claims are currently edited at the CLIA certificate level.

The HCPCS file is sent annually to Medicare contractors each October. Any corrections required after the release of the file must be done via an instruction to the contractors. The HCPCS code 89049 is excluded from CLIA edits and does not require a facility to have any CLIA certificate.

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 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	
5113.1	CWF shall remove CLIA edits for the HCPCS code 89049, including the LC code 610.								X	
5113.2	Carriers shall not require a CLIA number on claims submitted by facilities for the HCPCS code 89049.			X						

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5113.3	Contractors need not search their files to either retract payment or retroactively pay claims, however, contractors should adjust claims if they are brought to their attention.			X					

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

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		
5113.4	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin and incorporated into any educational events on this topic. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.			X					

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*: January 1, 2006 Implementation Date: October 2, 2006 Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Kathy Todd (410) 786-3385 Post-Implementation Contact(s): Kathy Todd (410) 786-3385	No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.
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