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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

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Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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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)								
		FI	RHHI	Carrier	DMERC	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
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

	Panel.										
4328.2	The module developer shall add new CPT code 82272 to the list of HCPCS/CPT codes covered by Medicare for Fecal Occult Blood Test NCD.										CSC
4328.2.1	The module developer shall delete CPT code 82270 from the HCPCS/CPT code list for Fecal Occult Blood Test NCD.										CSC
4328.3	The module developer shall add new CPT codes 83700 and 83701 to the list of HCPCS/CPT codes covered by Medicare for Lipids Testing NCD.										CSC
4328.3.1	The module developer shall delete CPT codes 83715 and 83716 from the HCPCS/CPT code list for Lipids Testing NCD.										CSC
4328.4	The module developer shall delete ICD-9-CM code V76.51 from the list of Non-covered ICD-9-CM Codes for All NCD Edits.										CSC
XXXX.4.1	The module developer shall add ICD-9-CM code V76.51 to the code list that does not support medical necessity for the Blood Count NCD.										CSC
4328.5	The module developer shall delete Coding Guideline 1 in the Additional Coding Guidelines section, page 9, 190.12 Urine Culture, Bacterial of the Lab NCD Coding Policy Manual.										CSC
4328.5.1	The module developer shall renumber the remaining Coding Guidelines in the Additional Coding Guidelines section, page 9, 190.12 Urine Culture, Bacterial of the Lab NCD Coding Policy Manual.										CSC

4328.6	The module developer shall make the revised software available to down load from the CMS data center via connect: direct. The developer shall notify the shared system maintainers of the data set names via email.									CSC
4328.7	The module developer shall make corresponding changes to the NCD coding manual and CMS will post it on the Internet and make appropriate changes in the NCDs already posted on the Internet									CSC/CMS
4328.8	The shared system maintainers shall install the edit module after testing and distribute it to the carriers and intermediaries as part of their routine release.				X	X				

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	FI	RHHI	Carrier	DMERC	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
4328.9	Carriers and intermediaries shall conduct provider education to advise laboratories of all changes to the laboratory edit module.	X		X						
4328.10	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "medlearn 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 Medlearn Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in	X		X						

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		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	
	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.**

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