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

#### Key Words

MM5113, CR5113, R984CP, HCPCS, caffeine, halothane, contracture, hyperthermia

#### Provider Types Affected

Providers billing Medicare Carriers for laboratory tests

#### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is October 2, 2006.
- Effective January 1, 2006, providers billing Medicare carriers for laboratory tests do not have to include a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) number on claims that they submit for HCPCS code 89049 [Caffeine halothane contracture test (CHCT) for malignant hyperthermia susceptibility, including interpretation and report].
- CR5113 provides that HCPCS code 89049 is not considered a test under CLIA. Therefore, performing this test does not necessitate that a facility have any CLIA certificate, nor require a CLIA number on claims for its use.
- Carriers are not required to search their files to either retract payment or retroactively pay claims processed before this change is made. However, they will adjust claims brought to their attention.

#### Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5113.pdf>

Affected providers can find more information about billing for HCPCS code 89049 [Caffeine halothane contracture test (CHCT) for malignant hyperthermia susceptibility, including interpretation and report] by going to CR5113, located at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R984CP.pdf> on the CMS web site. If affected providers have any questions, they should contact their carrier/intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at

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