



Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for January 2010 – JA6717

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- Contractors Affected**
- Medicare Carriers
 - Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)
 - Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)

Provider Types Affected The provider types affected are physicians, providers, and suppliers, submitting claims to Medicare Carriers, FIs, or A/B MACs for clinical diagnostic laboratory services provided for Medicare beneficiaries.



- Change Request (CR) 6717 announces the changes that will be included in the January 2010 release of Medicare's edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory NCDs.
- The last quarterly release of the edit module was issued in October 2009.

Provider Needs to Know...

- The changes in the laboratory NCD International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) code lists effective for dates of service furnished on or after January 1, 2010 are:
 - **For Serum Iron Studies:** Delete ICD-9-CM codes 453.50-453.52 from the list of ICD-9-CM codes that are covered by Medicare for the Serum Iron Studies (190.18) NCD.
 - **For Gamma Glutamyl Transferase:** Add ICD-9-CM codes 453.50-453.52 to the list of ICD-9-CM codes that are covered by Medicare for the Gamma Glutamyl Transferase (190.32) NCD.

Note: Effective dates for the following codes were inadvertently changed to July 1, 2009, with the July 1, 2009, quarterly release. The correct actual effective dates were October 1, 2007. Those dates will be reinstated with the January 2010 release of Medicare's edit module.

Prothrombin Time (PT)

- Revise the effective date from July 1, 2009, to October 1, 2007, for ICD-9-CM codes 200.30, 200.31, 200.32, 200.33, 200.34, 200.35, 200.36, 200.37, 200.38, 200.40, 200.41, 200.42, 200.43, 200.44, 200.45, 200.46, 200.47, 200.48, 200.50, 200.51, 200.52, 200.53, 200.54, 200.55, 200.56, 200.57, 200.58, 200.60, 200.61, 200.62, 200.63, 200.64, 200.65, 200.66, 200.67, 200.68, 200.70, 200.71, 200.72, 200.73, 200.74, 200.75, 200.76, 200.77, 200.78, 202.70, 202.71, 202.72, 202.73, 202.74, 202.75, 202.76, 202.77, and 202.78 that are listed for the Prothrombin Time (190.17) NCD.

Serum Iron Studies

- Revise the effective date from July 1, 2009, to October 1, 2007, for ICD-9-CM codes 200.30, 200.31, 200.32, 200.33, 200.34, 200.35, 200.36, 200.37, 200.38, 200.40, 200.41, 200.42, 200.43, 200.44, 200.45, 200.46, 200.47, 200.48, 200.50, 200.51, 200.52, 200.53, 200.54, 200.55, 200.56, 200.57, 200.58, 200.60, 200.61, 200.62, 200.63, 200.64, 200.65, 200.66, 200.67, 200.68, 200.70, 200.71, 200.72, 200.73, 200.74, 200.75, 200.76, 200.77, 200.78, 202.70, 202.71, 202.72, 202.73, 202.74, 202.75, 202.76, 202.77, and 202.78 that are listed for the Serum Iron Studies (190.18) NCD.

Gamma Glutamyl Transferase

- Revise the effective date from July 1, 2009, to October 1, 2007, for ICD-9-CM codes 200.30, 200.31, 200.32, 200.33, 200.34, 200.35, 200.36, 200.37, 200.38, 200.40, 200.41, 200.42, 200.43, 200.44, 200.45, 200.46, 200.47, 200.48, 200.50, 200.51, 200.52, 200.53, 200.54, 200.55, 200.56, 200.57, 200.58, 200.60, 200.61, 200.62, 200.63, 200.64, 200.65, 200.66, 200.67, 200.68, 200.70, 200.71, 200.72, 200.73, 200.74, 200.75, 200.76, 200.77, 200.78, 202.70, 202.71, 202.72, 202.73, 202.74, 202.75, 202.76, 202.77, and 202.78 that are listed for the Gamma Glutamyl Transferase (190.32) NCD.

Background

- The NCDs for clinical diagnostic laboratory services were developed by the laboratory negotiated rulemaking committee and published in a final rule on November 23, 2001.
 - Nationally uniform software was developed and incorporated in Medicare's systems so that laboratory claims subject to one of the 23 NCDs were processed uniformly throughout the nation effective January 1, 2003.
 - In accordance with the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 16, Section 120.2 (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c16.pdf>), the laboratory edit module is updated quarterly (as necessary) to reflect ministerial coding updates and substantive changes to the NCDs developed through the NCD process.
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**Operational
Impact**

Providers should note that Medicare contractors will adjust claims affected by the above three categories if such claims are brought to their attention.

**Reference
Materials**

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6717.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6717) issued regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1847CP.pdf> on the CMS website.
