



Legislation to Allow Independent Laboratory Billing for the Technical Component (TC) of Physician Pathology Services for Hospital Inpatients and Outpatients – JA6813

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Contractors Affected

- Medicare Carriers
- Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)

Provider Types Affected Provider types affected are independent clinical diagnostic laboratories submitting claims to Medicare Carriers and A/B MACs for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.



- Change Request (CR) 6813 directs Medicare Carriers and A/B MACs to notify independent laboratories eligible to bill for the TC of physician pathology services provided in an inpatient or outpatient setting of a hospital that they may continue to do so through December 31, 2010, regardless of the beneficiary's hospitalization status (inpatient or outpatient), in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
 - Hospitals and independent laboratories should be sure that their billing staffs are aware of this billing extension.
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Provider Needs to Know...

- Independent laboratories that qualify to bill under Section 542 of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000, Section 732 of the Medicare Modernization Act, Section 104 of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, Section 104 of the Medicare, Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program Extension Act of 2007, and Section 136 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 for the TC of the physician pathology services may continue to do so effective with date of service January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010.
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Background

- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was enacted on March 23, 2010.
 - Section 3104 of this statute permits independent clinical laboratories to continue to bill for the TC of physician pathology services for inpatients or outpatients of a hospital.
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Reference
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The related MLN Matters® article can be found at
<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM6813.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6813) issued regarding this change may be found at
<http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1945CP.pdf> on the CMS website.
