



## Additional Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Subject to Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Edits – JA6985

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**Contractors Affected**

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

**Provider Types Affected** Provider types affected are clinical laboratories submitting claims to A/B MACs or carriers for laboratory services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.



Change Request (CR) 6985 informs A/B MACs and carriers about additional new HCPCS codes for 2010 that are subject to CLIA edits.

**Provider Needs to Know...**

- The HCPCS codes listed in the table below are new for 2009. They are subject to CLIA edits and require a facility to have:
  - A CLIA certificate of registration (certificate type code 9);
  - A CLIA certificate of compliance (certificate type code 1); or
  - A CLIA certificate of accreditation (certificate type code 3).
- A facility without a valid, current, CLIA certificate, with a current CLIA certificate of waiver (certificate type code 2), or a current CLIA certificate for provider-performed microscopy procedures (certificate type code 4) cannot be paid for these tests.

HCPCS	Modifier	Description
G0416		Surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination for prostate needle saturation biopsy sampling, 1-20 specimens
G0416	TC	Surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination for prostate needle saturation biopsy sampling, 1-20 specimens
G0416	26	Surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination for prostate needle saturation biopsy sampling, 1-20 specimens
G0417		Surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination for prostate needle saturation biopsy sampling, 21-40 specimens
G0417	TC	Surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination for prostate needle saturation biopsy sampling, 21-40 specimens
G0417	26	Surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination for prostate needle saturation biopsy sampling, 21-40 specimens
G0418		Surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination for prostate needle saturation biopsy sampling, 41-60 specimens
G0418	TC	Surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination for prostate needle saturation biopsy sampling, 41-60 specimens
G0418	26	Surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination for prostate needle saturation biopsy sampling, 41-60 specimens
G0419		Surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination for prostate needle saturation biopsy sampling, greater than 60 specimens
G0419	TC	Surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination for prostate needle saturation biopsy sampling, greater than 60 specimens
G0419	26	Surgical pathology, gross and microscopic examination for prostate needle saturation biopsy sampling, greater than 60 specimens

**Background**

- 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 performed in certified facilities, each claim for a HCPCS code that is considered a CLIA laboratory test is currently edited at the CLIA certificate level.
- Since the HCPCS codes that are considered a laboratory test under CLIA change each year, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) informs carriers and MACs about the new HCPCS codes that are subject to, and those that are excluded from, CLIA edits. CR6985 announces additional HCPCS codes that are subject to CLIA edits for 2009, but were not mentioned in CR6812 or CR6356.

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**Operational  
Impact**

Carriers or MACs are not required to search their files either to retract payment for claims already paid or retroactively pay claims, containing these codes. They will adjust such claims that are brought to their attention.

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**Reference  
Materials**

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at  
<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM6985.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6985) issued regarding this change may be found at  
<http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R7200TN.pdf> on the CMS website.

MLN Matters® article MM6812 (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Subject to and Excluded from Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Edits), released February 5, 2010 can be found at  
<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM6812.pdf> on the CMS website.

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