

Laboratory Public Meeting: Payment for New Clinical Laboratory Tests for 2012

Place: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Auditorium

7500 Security Boulevard

Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850

Date: Monday, July 18, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. EST

The meeting is open to the general public to make recommendations on the assignment of payment levels for new codes to be included in the 2012 Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule. The meeting announcement was published in the Federal Register on February 25, 2011. As discussed in more detail in the Federal Register notice, the meeting is intended to provide expert input on the nature of the new test codes and receive recommendations to either crosswalk or gap-fill for payment.

Registration

Registration will begin June 15, 2011. To register for the meeting, individuals should complete the internet registration form by July 8, 2011, at www.cms.hhs.gov/ClinicalLabFeeSched/. A confirmation will be sent upon receipt of the registration by CMS. Individuals who wish to make a presentation to recommend assignment of payment for one or more of the new test codes should complete this information on the registration form, prepare a brief presentation (not to exceed 15 minutes), and provide three written copies at the time of presentation. Presenters may also make copies available for up to 50 meeting participants.

An agenda will be published at www.cms.hhs.gov/ClinicalLabFeeSched/ showing a list of presenters.

Security

The meeting will be held in a Federal government building; therefore, Federal security measures are applicable. Photo identification and registration confirmation will be required to enter the building. Vehicles are inspected, at entrance to the grounds, and persons must pass through a metal detector when entering the building. Directions and other information for visitors to the building are available at www.cms.hhs.gov/CMSHeadquarters.

Audio Listening

In addition, individuals may listen to the public meeting by dialing 877-267-1577. Registration is not required for audio listening. Registration, in-person attendance, and three written copies of the presentation are necessary to make a presentation on the assignment of payment levels at this meeting. After the on-site presentations, a question and answer period will be opened to both the participants in the room and audio listeners. The moderator of the meeting will monitor the question and answer period.

New Test Codes for 2012 Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule

The following is a list of the newly created codes that require recommendations on the assignment of payment levels in order to be included in the Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule. The coding changes have been developed by the American Medical Association's (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Editorial Panel and will not be further discussed at the CMS public meeting. Numbering of all new codes has not yet been finalized. The identifying information should be sufficient for those knowledgeable in coding for clinical laboratory services.

As stated above, this listing represents the major actions of the CPT Editorial Panel for CPT 2012 taken at its June, October, February, and Final meetings. Please note that these codes are the most recent listing provided by the AMA, and are subject to change. Any changes will be updated as they occur.

Also included are codes addressed at the 2010 Public Meeting that are eligible for reconsideration.

Immunology

1. **863XX** Nuclear Matrix Protein 22 (NMP22), qualitative

Microbiology

1. **873XX** HIV-1 antigen(s), with HIV-1 and HIV-2 antibodies, single result

Reconsideration Requests

1. **G0434** Drug screen, other than chromatographic; any number of drug classes, by CLIA waived test or moderate complexity test, per patient encounter
2. **G0435** Infectious agent antibody detection by rapid antibody test, HIV-1 and/or HIV-2, screening (SHORT DESCRIPTOR: Oral HIV-1/HIV-2 screen)
3. **83861** Microfluidic analysis utilizing an integrated collection and analysis device; tear osmolarity
4. **86481** Tuberculosis test, cell mediated immunity antigen response measurement; enumeration of gamma interferon producing T-cells in cell suspension
5. **87906** Infectious agent genotype analysis by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); HIV-1, other region (e.g., integrase, fusion)