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**News Flash** – Did you know that Medicare provider enrollment application forms can be completed on your computer? This means that you can fill out the information required by typing into the open fields while the form is displayed on your computer monitor. Filling out the forms this way before printing, signing, and mailing means more easily-readable information – which means fewer mistakes, questions, and delays when your application is processed. Be sure to make a copy of the signed form for your records before mailing. You can find the Medicare provider enrollment application forms at [http://www.cms.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/02\\_EnrollmentApplications.asp](http://www.cms.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/02_EnrollmentApplications.asp) on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

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

### **Provider Types Affected**

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Clinical laboratories and providers that submit claims to Medicare Carriers or Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for laboratory test services provided to Medicare beneficiaries may be affected by this issue.

### **What You Need To Know**

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This article is based on Change Request (CR) 7513, which informs your Medicare Carriers and MACs about the addition of 4 codes with modifiers that are subject to Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) edits and were not mentioned in prior change requests. Be sure that your staff is informed of these changes.

### **Background**

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The Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) regulations require a facility to be appropriately certified for each test performed. To ensure that Medicare & 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.

The HCPCS codes listed in the chart that follows were new in 2011, are subject to CLIA edits and were not mentioned in 7277, transmittal 2156, "Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Subject to and Excluded from Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Edits". The HCPCS codes listed below require a facility to have either 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 with a current CLIA certificate for provider-performed microscopy procedures (certificate type code 4) must not be paid for these tests.

HCPCS	Modifier	Description
88120	TC	Cytopathology, in situ hybridization (e.g., FISH), urinary tract specimen with morphometric analysis, 3-5 molecular probes, each specimen; manual
88120	26	Cytopathology, in situ hybridization (e.g., FISH), urinary tract specimen with morphometric analysis, 3-5 molecular probes, each specimen; manual
88121	TC	Cytopathology, in situ hybridization (e.g., FISH), urinary tract specimen with morphometric analysis, 3-5 molecular probes, each specimen; using computer-assisted technology
88121	26	Cytopathology, in situ hybridization (e.g., FISH), urinary tract specimen with morphometric analysis, 3-5 molecular probes, each specimen; using computer-assisted technology

## Additional Information

The official instruction, CR7513 issued to your carrier and/or A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R9150TN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier and/or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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