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## Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule – New Waived Tests

### Provider Types Affected

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This MLN Matters® Article is intended for clinical diagnostic laboratories submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

### Provider Action Needed

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This article is based on Change Request (CR) 7766 which informs Medicare contractors and providers about changes to the Clinical Lab Fee Schedule list of waived tests under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA). Make sure your billing staff is aware of this change.

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## Background

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has become aware of an additional test that is appropriate for inclusion on the Clinical Lab Fee Schedule (CLFS) list of CLIA waived tests. They are updating the list at this time rather than waiting for the next annual update.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2012, the test being added to the CLFS is 86386QW (Nuclear Matrix Protein 22 (NMP22), qualitative). This is the latest test approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a waived test under CLIA. The Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code for this test must have the modifier QW to be recognized as a waived test.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR 7766 issued to your carrier or A/B MAC, regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2443CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier 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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