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In September 2012, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the availability of a new electronic mailing list for those who refer Medicare beneficiaries for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS). Referral agents play a critical role in providing information and services to Medicare beneficiaries. To ensure you give Medicare patients the most current DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program information, CMS strongly encourages you to review the information sent from this new electronic mailing list. In addition, please share the information you receive from the mailing list and the link to the [“mailing list for referral agents”](#) subscriber webpage with others who refer Medicare beneficiaries for DMEPOS. Thank you for signing up!

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## Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Software for ICD-10 Codes

**Note:** This article was revised on August 1, 2014, to show the new ICD-10 implementation date of October 1, 2015. While the Change Request may not reflect the new date, CMS has made the date change. All other information is unchanged.

### Provider Types Affected

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

### Provider Action Needed

CR8494, from which this article is taken, provides that the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software will be updated to accommodate the processing of the

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International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) diagnosis codes. This is a follow-up to CR8202 [Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination \(NCD\) Software for ICD-10](#) (dated February 1, 2013), that extended the ICD-9 to ICD-10 implementation date to October 1, 2015. (You can find this CR at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1174OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.)

## Background

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In accordance with the "Medicare Claims Processing Manual", Chapter 16 (Laboratory Services), Section 120.2 (Implementation and Updates of Negotiated National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) for Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Services), the laboratory edit module is updated quarterly as necessary to reflect ministerial coding updates and substantive changes to the NCDs developed through the NCD process. The changes are a result of coding analysis decisions developed under the procedures for maintaining codes in the negotiated NCDs and for biannual updates of the ICD-9-CM codes.

CR 8494, from which this article is taken, instructs the Medicare Shared Systems Maintainers to update the Laboratory NCD Edit Software to accommodate the processing of the ICD-10 diagnosis codes. There are no updates to the laboratory NCD code lists for this quarter.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR 8494 issued to your A/B MAC regarding this change, may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2865CP.pdf> on the CMS Website.

If you have any questions, please contact your A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS Website.

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