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October 1, 2015 - ICD-10 only

Related CR Transmittal #: R2852

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### **Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for April 2014 (ICD-10)**

**Note:** This article was revised on August 1, 2014, to show the new ICD-10 implementation date of October 1, 2015. 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 (A/B MACs) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

#### **Provider Action Needed**

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8585, which announces the changes that will be included in the April 2014 quarterly release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services inclusive of ICD-10 translations. Please make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes for 2014.

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## Background

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CR 8585 announces the changes that will be included in the April 2014 quarterly release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services. The NCDs for clinical diagnostic laboratory services were developed by the laboratory negotiated rulemaking committee, and the final rule was published on November 23, 2001. Nationally uniform software was developed and incorporated in the shared systems so that laboratory claims subject to one of the 23 NCDs were processed uniformly throughout the nation, effective April 1, 2003.

In accordance with the “Medicare Claims Processing Manual,” Pub. 100-04, Chapter 16, Section 120.2, 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 maintenance of codes in the negotiated NCDs and biannual updates of the ICD-9-CM codes.

CR 8585 communicates requirements to shared system maintainers (SSMs) and contractors notifying them of changes to the laboratory edit module to update it for changes in laboratory NCD code lists for April 2014. These changes are effective for services furnished on or after April 1, 2014, for ICD-9, and on or after October 1, 2015, for ICD-10.

Medicare contractors will not search their files to either retract payment for claims already paid or to retroactively pay claims. They will adjust claims brought to their attention.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR 8585, issued to your A/B MAC regarding this change, may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2852CP.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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