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Calendar Year (CY) 2014 Annual Update for Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule and Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment - REVISION

Note: This article was revised on May 6, 2014, to reflect the revised CR8695 issued on May 2. The article is revised to reflect an implementation date on or before June 30, 2014. Also, the CR release date, transmittal number, and the Web address for accessing the CR were changed. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® article is intended for clinical diagnostic laboratories who submit claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

This MLN Matters® article is based on Change Request (CR) 8695 which provides instructions for the revised CY 2014 clinical laboratory fee schedule, including several codes that were inadvertently left off of the previous CY 2014 fee schedule files. These codes, which were intended to be included on the original CY 2014 clinical laboratory fee schedule file, were recently given a “QW” modifier to both identify the codes and to

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determine payment for tests performed by a laboratory having only a certificate of waiver under CLIA. Also, CR8695 corrects a technical oversight that led to the misstatement of several prices on the fee schedule. Those prices reflected on this file created for CR8695 are now correct. Be sure your billing staffs are aware of these updates.

Background

CR 8695 provides instructions for the revised Calendar Year (CY) 2014 clinical laboratory fee schedule.

Access to Data File

The revised CY 2014 clinical laboratory fee schedule data file will be available on the Internet on or after February 28, 2014, at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ClinicalLabFeeSched/index.html> on the CMS website.

Other interested parties, such as the Medicaid State agencies, the Indian Health Service, the United Mine Workers, and the Railroad Retirement Board, will also use the Internet to retrieve the CY 2014 clinical laboratory fee schedule which will be available in multiple formats including Excel, text, and comma delimited.

Mapping Information

Existing codes that have been recalculated so that their national limitation amount (NLA) and/or price for each MAC is correct. These codes are 80160, 82017, 82136, 82139, 82261, 82270, 82271, 82271QW, 82272, 82272QW, 82274, 82274QW, 82379, 83013, 83080, 85576, 85576QW, 86355, 86357, 86359, 86367, G0123, G0328, and G0328QW.

Existing Code Pricing

- Existing code 86152 is priced at the 2013 contractor gap filled rate.
- Existing code 86294QW is priced at 100 percent of the midpoint in the NLA pricing.

Additional Information

Note that your MAC will not automatically adjust claims processed prior to implementation of CR8695. However, if you have claims that need adjustment, your MAC will adjust those claims that you bring to their attention.

The official instruction, CR 8695, issued to your MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2948CP.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

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