

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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**Raising Awareness of Diabetes in November**

American Diabetes Month®, Diabetic Eye Disease Month, and World Diabetes Day promote diabetes awareness and the impact of diabetes on public health. Take this opportunity to recommend appropriate Medicare preventive services for detection and treatment, including Diabetes Screening, Diabetes Self-Management Training, Medical Nutrition Therapy, and Glaucoma Screening.

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**Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for January 2016**

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**Provider Types Affected**

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for providers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for clinical diagnostic laboratory services to Medicare beneficiaries.

**Provider Action Needed**

Change Request (CR) 9352 informs MACs about the changes that will be included in the January 2016 quarterly release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

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## Background

The National Coverage Determinations (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 Medicare's claims processing systems so that laboratory claims subject to one of the 23 NCDs were processed uniformly throughout the nation effective April 1, 2003.

CR9352 communicates requirements to Medicare's Shared System Maintainers (SSMs) and MACs notifying them of changes to the laboratory edit module to update it for changes in laboratory NCD code lists for January 2016. Changes are being made to the NCD code lists as follows:

- Add ICD-10-CM codes N131 and N132 to the list of ICD-10-CM codes that are covered by Medicare for the Urine Culture, Bacterial (190.12) NCD.
- Add ICD-10-CM code I481 to the list of ICD-10-CM codes that are covered by Medicare for the Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT) (190.16) NCD.
- Add ICD-10-CM code S069X0A to the list of ICD-10-CM codes that are covered by Medicare for the Prothrombin Time (PT) (190.17) NCD.
- Add ICD-10- ICD-10-CM code I481 to the list of ICD-10-CM codes that are covered by Medicare for the Thyroid Testing (190.22) NCD.

These changes are effective for services furnished on or after October 1, 2015.

## Additional Information

The official instruction, CR9352, issued to your MAC regarding this change, is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3396CP.pdf> on the 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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