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Information for Medicare Fee-For-Service Health Care Professionals

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## *Correction of 2005 Payment Fees for Clinical Laboratory Travel – Codes P9603 and P9604*

**Note:** This article was updated on February 4, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

### Provider Types Affected

Clinical laboratories and providers billing Medicare carriers or Fiscal Intermediaries for travel to perform a specimen collection

### Provider Action Needed



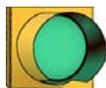
#### **STOP – Impact to You**

This instruction relates corrections to the 2005 payment fees provided in CR 3526 for P9603 and P9604, which relate to transportation to a nursing home or homebound patient to perform a specimen collection.



#### **CAUTION – What You Need to Know**

Article MM 3526 and related CR 3526 incorrectly stated the standard mileage rate for transportation to a nursing home or homebound patient to perform a specimen collection as \$.385 per mile. Effective for dates of service January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, the correct standard mileage rate for transportation is \$.405 per mile. Effective for dates of service January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, the personnel payment is \$.45 per mile. Accordingly, the corrected 2005 payment fees for code P9603 is \$.855 and for code P9604 is \$8.55.



#### **GO – What You Need to Do**

To ensure accurate claims processing, please review the information included in this instruction and stay current with updates for clinical laboratory fee schedule and laboratory services.

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## Additional Information

Please note that Medicare carriers and intermediaries will not automatically adjust any claims paid prior to the implementation of this correction. However, they will make corrections if the provider brings such claims to their attention.

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your carrier/intermediary regarding this change, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1540TN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions regarding this issue, contact your carrier/intermediary on their toll free number, which is available 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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