DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

News Flash – ICD-10 Medicare Severity Diagnosis Related Grouper (MS-DRG), Version 30.0 (FY 2013) mainframe and PC software is now available. This software is being provided to offer the public a better opportunity to review and comment on the ICD-10 MS-DRG conversion of the MS-DRGs. This software can be ordered through the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) website. A link to NTIS is also available in the Related Links section of the ICD-10 MS-DRG Conversion Project website. The final version of the ICD-10 MS-DRGs will be subject to formal rulemaking and will be implemented on October 1, 2014.

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New Waived Tests

Note: This article was revised on March 22, 2013, with an updated ICD-10 News Flash. All other information is unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

This article is for clinical diagnostic laboratories billing Medicare Carriers or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for laboratory tests.

Provider Action Needed

STOP – Impact to You

If you do not have a valid, current, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1998 (CLIA) certificate and submit a claim to your Medicare Carrier or A/B MAC for a Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code that is considered to be a laboratory test requiring a CLIA certificate, your Medicare payment may be impacted.

CAUTION – What You Need to Know

CLIA requires that for each test it performs, a laboratory facility must be appropriately certified. The CPT codes that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) consider to be laboratory tests under CLIA (and thus requiring certification) change each year. CR7435, from which this article is taken, informs carriers and MACs about the latest new CPT codes that are subject to CLIA edits.

GO – What You Need to Do

Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these CLIA-related changes for 2011 and that you remain current with certification requirements.

Background

Listed below are the latest tests approved by the Food and Drug Administration as waived tests under CLIA. The tests are valid as soon as they are approved. The CPT codes for the following new tests MUST have the modifier QW to be recognized as a waived test.

CPT Code	Effective Date	Description
87880QW	February 2, 2011	BTNX Rapid Response Strep A Rapid Test Strips
82274QW G0328QW	March 24, 2011	OC-Light iFOB Test
G0434QW	April 1, 2011	CLIAwaived, Inc. Rapid Drug Test Cup {OTC}
G0434QW	April 1, 2011	Instant Technologies, iCup DX Drug Screen Cup
86318QW	April 7, 2011	Stanbio Rely H. plyori Rapid Test (Whole Blood) (Finger-stick only)

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 7435 issued to your carrier and A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R2244CP.pdf on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier or 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.