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*Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule - Implementation of Section 113 Medicare, Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (MMSCHIP) Legislation*

### Key Words

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### Provider Types Affected

Clinical laboratories billing Medicare Carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services to Medicare beneficiaries

### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is April 1, 2008.
- The implementation date is May 12, 2008.
- The MMSCHIP Extension Act of 2007 passed in December 2007 and included Section 113.
- Section 113 of the legislation set the price for any diagnostic test for Hemoglobin; glycosylated (HbA1C) that is labeled by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for home use equal to the payment rate for a glycosylated hemoglobin test (identified as of October 1, 2007, by Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System code 83036 (and any succeeding codes)). **The legislation is effective for tests furnished on or after April 1, 2008.**
  - For calendar year (CY) 2006, the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) established new code 83037 Hemoglobin; glycosylated (A1C) by device cleared by the FDA for home use. CPT code 83036, glycosylated (A1c), already existed and was priced at \$13.56 on the clinical laboratory fee schedule.
  - For CY 2006, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) determined that code 83037 should be paid via carrier gap filling.
  - For CY 2007, CMS set the payment for code 83037 by crosswalking it to code 82985 (Glycated protein).
  - For tests furnished on or after April 1, 2008, the payment for 83037 or 83037QW will be the same as the payment on the clinical laboratory fee schedule for 83036.

- Medicare contractors will adjust claims for services on or after April 1, 2008, processed prior to implementation of this change if such claims are brought to their attention.

### Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5987.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR5987) regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R331OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have questions regarding this issue, they may contact their carriers, FIs, or A/B MACs at their toll-free number, which may be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.