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SUBJECT: Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for April 2007

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This transmittal announces the changes that will be included in the April 2007 release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory NCDs.

NEW / REVISED MATERIAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: APRIL 1, 2007

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: APRIL 2, 2007

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	

III. FUNDING:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2007 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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SUBJECT: Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for April 2007

Effective Date: April 1, 2007

Implementation Date: April 2, 2007

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This transmittal announces the changes that will be included in the April 2007 release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services. The NCDs for clinical diagnostic laboratory services were developed by the laboratory negotiated rulemaking committee and published as a final rule on November 23, 2001. Nationally uniform software has been developed by Computer Sciences Corporation and incorporated in the shared systems so that laboratory claims subject to one of the 23 NCDs are processed uniformly throughout the nation effective January 1, 2003. The laboratory edit module for the NCDs will be updated quarterly as necessary to reflect ministerial coding updates and substantive changes to the NCDs developed through the NCD process. (See Pub. 100-04, chapter 16 §120.2.)

B. Policy: In accordance with chapter 16, section §120.2, the laboratory edit module is updated quarterly. The changes are a result of coding analysis decisions developed under the procedures for maintenance of codes in the negotiated NCDs and biannual updates of the ICD-9-CM codes. This instruction communicates requirements to shared system maintainers and contractors notifying them of changes to the laboratory edit module to update it for changes in laboratory NCD code lists for April 2007. Changes are being made to the NCD code lists as described below. These changes become effective for services furnished on or after April 1, 2007.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Use "Shall" to denote a mandatory requirement

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)											
		A / B M A C	D M E M A C	F I	C A R I E R	D M R R C	R E H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER	
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F			
5514.1	The module developer shall add HCPCS code G0394, Blood occult test (e.g., guaiac), feces, for single determination for colorectal neoplasm (e.g., patient was provided three cards or single triple card for consecutive collection), to the list of HCPCS covered codes for the Fecal Occult												CSC

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		M A C	M A C					F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	Blood Test NCD (190.34).											
5514.2	The module developer shall make the revised software available to download from the CMS data center via connect: direct. The developer shall notify the shared system maintainers of the data set names via email.											CSC
5514.3	The shared system maintainers shall install the edit module after testing and distribute it to the contractors as part of their routine release.							X	X			

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility (place an "X" in each applicable column)										
		A / B	D M E	F I	C A R R I E R	D M R C	R E H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
		M A C	M A C					F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
5514.4	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	X		X	X							

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A. For any recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements, use the box below: N/A

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

B. For all other recommendations and supporting information, use the space below: N/A

V. CONTACTS

Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Kelly Anderson, 410-786-5673

Post-Implementation Contact(s): Regional offices

VI. FUNDING

A. For TITLE XVIII Contractors, use only one of the following statements:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2007 operating budgets.

B. For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC), use only one of the following statements:

The contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the Statement of Work (SOW). The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts specified in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the contracting officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the contracting officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.