

# CMS Manual System

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CHANGE REQUEST 4161

**SUBJECT: Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for January 2006**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** In accordance with chapter 16, section 120.2, the laboratory edit module is updated quarterly. 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 January 2006.

### NEW/REVISED MATERIAL

**EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2006**

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 3, 2006**

*Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.*

### 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 2006 operating budgets.**

### IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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# Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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**SUBJECT: Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for January 2006**

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** This transmittal announces the changes that will be included in the January 2006 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. 100-4, chapter 16 § 120.2.)

**B. Policy:** In order to accommodate changes to coding list that have been made through the NCD and/or coding analysis process as explained in the final “Federal Register” notice dated February 25, 2005, changes are being made to the NCD code lists as described below. Decision memoranda explaining these changes can be found on the Internet at [cms.hhs.gov/coverage](http://cms.hhs.gov/coverage) by clicking National Coverage Analysis. These changes become effective for services furnished on or after January 1, 2006.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

*“Shall” denotes a mandatory requirement*

*“Should” denotes an optional requirement*

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
4161.1	The module developer shall remove ICD-9-CM code V76.44 from the list of ICD-9-CM Codes Not Covered by Medicare. This list of codes effects all 23 negotiated laboratory NCDs.									CSC
4161.2	The module developer shall add ICD-9-CM code V76.44 to the list of ICD-9-CM Codes that Do Not Support Medical Necessity in the Blood									CSC

	Counts NCD.										
4161.3	The module developer shall add ICD-9-CM codes 158.8 and 158.9 to the list of ICD-9-CM Codes covered by Medicare in the Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay CA 125 NCD.										CSC
4161.4	The module developer shall make the revised software available to down load from the CMS data center via connect:direct. The developer shall notify the shared system maintainers of the data set names via email.										CSC
4161.5	The developer shall make corresponding changes to the NCD coding manual and CMS will post it on the Internet and make appropriate changes in the NCDs already posted on the Internet										CSC/CMS
4161.6	The shared system maintainers shall install the revised edit module after testing and distribute it to the carriers and intermediaries as part of their routine release.					X	X				
4161.7	Carriers and intermediaries shall conduct provider education to advise laboratories of all changes to the laboratory edit module.	X		X							

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)									
		F I	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other	
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F		
4161.8	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters">www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters</a> shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "medlearn matters" listserv.	X		X							

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		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers			
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F		
	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 and incorporated into any educational events on this topic. Contractors are free to supplement Medlearn Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.								

**IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

**A. Other Instructions: N/A**

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

**B. Design Considerations: N/A**

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

**C. Interfaces: N/A**

**D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A**

**E. Dependencies: N/A**

**F. Testing Considerations: N/A**

**V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING**

<b>Effective Date*:</b> January 1, 2006 <b>Implementation Date:</b> January 3, 2006 <b>Pre-Implementation Contact(s):</b> Jackie Sheridan-Moore 64635 <b>Post-Implementation Contact(s):</b> ROs	<b>No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.</b>
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