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

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: In accordance with Chapter 16, § 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 July 2006.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2006

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 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/revise information only, and not the entire table of contents.

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

R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED – *Only One Per Row.*

R/N/D	Chapter / Section / SubSection / Title
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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 July 2006

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This transmittal announces the changes that will be included in the July 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.100-04, chapter 16 §120.2.)

B. Policy: In accordance with Chapter 16, §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. Several of the listed changes correct codes to reflect the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) date. 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 July 2006. Changes are being made to the NCD code lists as described below. These changes become effective for services furnished on or after July 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	
5108.1	The module developer shall add CPT code 83704, Quantitation of lipoprotein particle numbers and lipoprotein particles subclasses, to the list of HCPCS/CPT codes covered by Medicare for the Lipids Testing NCD.									CSC

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		F I	R 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	
5108.2	The module developer shall make the revised software available to download from the CMS data center via connect: direct.								CSC	
5108.2.1	The developer shall notify the shared system maintainers of the data set names via email.								CSC	
5108.3	The module developer shall make corresponding changes to the NCD coding manual.								CSC	
5108.3.1	CMS shall post the NCD manual to the Internet and make appropriate changes in the NCDs already posted on the Internet.								CMS	
5108.4	The shared system maintainers shall install the edit module after testing.					X	X			
5108.4.1	The shared system maintainers shall distribute the edit module to the carriers and intermediaries as part of their routine release.					X	X			

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R 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	
5108.5	<p>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 and incorporated into any educational events on this topic. 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.</p>	X		X						

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

Effective Date*: July 1, 2006 Implementation Date: July 3, 2006 Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Maria Ciccanti (410) 786-3107 Post-Implementation Contact(s): ROs	No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.
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