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TECHNICAL CLARIFICATION

This CR is being re-communicated to clarify that there are individual effective dates associated with the ICD-9 and CPT codes. All other material remains the same.

Subject: Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software Changes for July 2008

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The initial release of this Recurring Update Notification can be found in Chapter 16, § 120.2, Pub. 100-04. This transmittal announces the changes that will be included in the July 2008 quarterly 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 a final rule on November 23, 2001. Nationally uniform software was developed and incorporated in the shared systems so that laboratory claims subject to one of the 23 NCDs were processed uniformly throughout the nation effective January 1, 2003.

****NOTE:** The last quarterly release of the edit module was issued in April 2007. This CR incorporates all changes from April 2007 to the present and denotes no other changes. **Contractors shall use the appropriate ICD-9/CPT code effective dates for claims processing purposes (i.e., ICD-9 codes were effective 10/1/2007; CPT codes were effective 1/1/2008).**

New / Revised Material

****Effective Date: July 1, 2008**

Implementation Date: July 7, 2008

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=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	Chapter / Section / Subsection / Title
N/A	

III. FUNDING:

SECTION A: For Fiscal Intermediaries and Carriers:

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

SECTION B: For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is

not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted 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.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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

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 R I E R	R H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
6084.9.3	The module developer shall modify the descriptor for CPT code 82272 in the Fecal Occult Blood Test (190.34) NCD to read "Blood, occult, by peroxidase activity (e.g., guaiac), qualitative, feces, 1-3 simultaneous determinations, performed for other than colorectal neoplasm screening."										Fu
6084.10	The module developer shall make the revised software available to download from the CMS data center via connect: direct. The developer shall notify the SSMS of the data set names via email.										Fu
6084.11	The SSMS shall install the edit module after testing and distribute it to the contractors as part of their routine release.						X	X			
6084.12	Contractors are not required to search their files to adjust affected claims between the July 1, 2007, and the July 1, 2008, quarterly clinical lab edit module updates.	X		X	X						

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

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 R I E R	R H I	Shared-System Maintainers				OTHER
							F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
6084.13	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://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 one 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:

Use "Should" to denote a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
None.	

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

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VI. FUNDING

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