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Laboratory Public Meeting: Payment for New Clinical Laboratory Tests for 2010

**Place: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Auditorium
7500 Security Boulevard**

Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Time: 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. EST

The meeting is open to the general public to make recommendations on the assignment of payment levels for new codes to be included in the 2010 Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule. The meeting announcement was published in the Federal Register on May 22, 2009. As discussed in more detail in the Federal Register notice, the meeting is intended to provide expert input on the nature of the new test codes and receive recommendations to either crosswalk or gap-fill for payment.

Registration

Registration will begin June 15, 2009. To register for the meeting, individuals should complete the internet registration form by July 9, 2009, at www.cms.hhs.gov/ClinicalLabFeeSched/. A confirmation will be sent upon receipt of the registration by CMS. Individuals who wish to make a presentation to recommend assignment of payment for one or more of the new test codes should complete this information on the registration form, prepare a brief presentation (not to exceed 15 minutes), and provide three written copies at the time of presentation. Presenters may also make copies available for up to 50 meeting participants.

Security

The meeting will be held in a Federal government building; therefore, Federal security measures are applicable. Photo identification and registration confirmation will be required to enter the building. Vehicles are inspected, at entrance to the grounds, and persons must pass through a metal detector when entering the building. Directions and other information for visitors to the building are available at www.cms.hhs.gov/CMSHeadquarters.

Audio Listening

In addition, individuals may listen to the public meeting by dialing 877-267-1577 and using conference pass code "990161." Registration is not required for audio listening. Registration, in-person attendance, and three written copies of the presentation are necessary to make a presentation on the assignment of payment levels at this meeting. After the on-site presentations, a question and answer period will be opened to both the participants in the room and audio listeners. The moderator of the meeting will monitor the question and answer period.

New Test Codes for 2010 Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule

The following is a list of the newly created codes that require recommendations on the assignment of payment levels in order to be included in the clinical laboratory fee schedule. The coding changes have been developed by the American Medical Association's (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Editorial Panel and will not be further discussed at the CMS public meeting. Numbering of all new codes has not yet been finalized. The identifying information should be sufficient for those knowledgeable in coding for clinical laboratory services.

This listing represents the major actions of the CPT Editorial Panel for CPT 2010 taken at its June, October, February, and Final meetings. Please note that these codes are the most recent listing provided by the AMA, and are subject to change. Any changes will be updated as they occur.

Chemistry

839XX	pH; exhaled breath condensate
841XX	Procalcitonin (PCT)
844XX	Thromboxane metabolite(s), including thromboxane if performed, urine

Immunology

863XX	Human epididymis protein 4 (HE4)
863XX	Cellular function assay involving stimulation (eg, mitogen or antigen) and detection of biomarker (eg, ATP)
867XX	Antibody; Treponema pallidum

Tissue Typing

868XX	Human leukocyte antigen (HLA) crossmatch, non-cytotoxic (eg, using flow cytometry); first serum sample or dilution
868XX	Human leukocyte antigen (HLA) crossmatch, non-cytotoxic (eg, using flow cytometry); each additional serum sample or sample dilution (List separately in addition to primary procedure)

Microbiology

871XX	Culture, typing; identification by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA) probe, amplified probe technique, per culture or isolate, each organism probed
871XX	Culture, typing; identification by nucleic acid sequencing method, each isolate
874XX	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Clostridium difficile, toxin gene(s), amplified probe technique

In Vivo (eg, Transcutaneous) Laboratory Procedures

887XX	Hemoglobin (Hgb), quantitative, transcutaneous
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Reproductive Medicine Procedures

893XX	Unlisted reproductive medicine laboratory procedure
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Reconsideration of 2009 Decisions

83876	Myeloperoxidase (MPO) Abbott Diagnostics believes the cross walk rationale for CPT code 83876 published by CMS is inappropriate. They request that a new crosswalk to CPT code 83880 (Natriuretic peptide) be established.
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Additional New Codes

GXXX1	Drug screen, qualitative; multiple drug classes, <u>any method</u> , each procedure (<u>e.g. multiple drug test kit</u>)
GXXX2	Drug screen, qualitative; single drug class method, (e.g, immunoassay and enzyme assay), each drug class