



Laboratory National Coverage Determination Edit Software: January 2027 Update

Related Change Request (CR) Information	
Number: 14614	Release Date: September 16, 2026
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Title: Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for January 2027	

Affected Providers

- Laboratories
- Physicians
- Other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services

Action Needed

Make sure your billing staff knows about National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) with added and deleted ICD-10-CM codes.

Key Updates

The January 2027 update adds and deletes ICD-10-CM codes for these NCDs:

- NCD 190.14 – HIV Testing (Diagnosis)
- NCD 190.15 – Blood Counts
- NCD 190.16 – Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT)
- NCD 190.17 – Prothrombin Time (PT)
- NCD 190.18 – Serum Iron Studies
- NCD 190.20A – Blood Glucose Testing
- NCD 190.20B – Blood Glucose Testing
- NCD 190.21A – Glycated Hemoglobin/Glycated Protein
- NCD 190.21B – Glycated Hemoglobin/Glycated Protein
- NCD 190.22 – Thyroid Testing
- NCD 190.23A – Lipid Testing
- NCD 190.23B – Lipid Testing
- NCD 190.24 – Digoxin Therapeutic Drug Assay
- NCD 190.25 – Alpha-fetoprotein
- NCD 190.27 – Human Chorionic Gonadotropin
- NCD 190.28 – Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay - CA 125
- NCD 190.29 – Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay - CA 15-3/CA 27.29
- NCD 190.31 – Prostate Specific Antigen
- NCD 190.32 – Gamma Glutamyl Transferase
- NCD 190.33 – Hepatitis Panel/Acute Hepatitis Panel
- NCD 190.34 – Fecal Occult Blood Test

Refer to CR 14614 to find specific codes CMS is adding and deleting.

Note: MACs won't search their files to either retract payment for claims already paid or pay claims retroactively. However, MACs will adjust claims you bring to their attention.

Background

CR 14614 announces changes to the January 2027 clinical diagnostic laboratory edit module. The laboratory negotiated rulemaking committee developed the NCDs for clinical diagnostic laboratory services in 2001. We developed nationally uniform software and added it to the Medicare shared systems so MACs could process laboratory claims for the 23 NCDs in the [Medicare NCD Manual, Chapter 1, Part 3](#), sections 190.12–190.34 uniformly throughout the nation.

We update the laboratory edit module quarterly, as necessary, to reflect ministerial coding updates and substantive changes to NCDs. Changes come from coding analysis decisions developed under code maintenance procedures in the negotiated NCDs and ICD-10-CM biannual code updates.

More Information

We issued CR 14614 to your MAC as the official instruction for this change. For more information, find your [MAC's website](#).

Document History

Date of Change	Description
September 23, 2026	Initial article released.

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