



## Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination Edit Software: January 2025 Update

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Related CR Title: Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for January 2025

### Affected Providers

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- Laboratory physicians
- Suppliers
- Other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for laboratory services they provide to Medicare patients

### Action Needed

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Make sure your billing staffs know about:

- Newly available codes
- Recent coding changes
- How to find NCD coding information

### Background

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CR 13785 is a maintenance update of ICD-10 conversions and other coding updates specific to NCDs in the lab edit module. The laboratory negotiated rulemaking committee developed the NCDs for clinical diagnostic laboratory services and CMS published the final rule on November 23, 2001. We developed nationally uniform software for the Medicare shared systems so edits apply to laboratory claims subject to 1 of the 23 NCDs. These NCDs are in Sections 190.12 - 190.34 of the NCD Manual, [Chapter 1, Part 3](#), effective April 1, 2003. These NCD coding changes are the result of newly available codes, coding revisions to NCDs released separately, or coding feedback.

The translations from ICD-9 to ICD-10 aren't consistent one-to-one matches, nor are all ICD-10 codes appearing in a complete General Equivalence Mappings (GEMs) mapping guide or other mapping guides appropriate when reviewed against individual NCD policies.

Relevant laboratory NCD coding changes in CR 13785 are:

- NCD 190.12 - Urine Culture, Bacterial
- NCD 190.13 - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Testing (Prognosis Including Monitoring)
- NCD 190.14 - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (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 190.19 - Collagen Crosslinks, Any Method
- 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 - Lipids Testing
- NCD 190.23B - Lipids Testing
- NCD 190.24 - Digoxin Therapeutic Drug Assay
- NCD 190.25 - Alpha-fetoprotein
- NCD 190.26 - Carcinoembryonic Antigen
- 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 190.30 - Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay CA 19-9
- 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

Previous NCD coding changes are available. Also, see the [NCD spreadsheets](#) for CR 13785.

CMS isn't including any policy changes in this ICD-10 quarterly update. We cover NCD policy changes using the current, longstanding NCD process.

Your MAC will adjust any claims processed in error associated with CR 13785 that you bring to their attention.

## More Information

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We issued CR 13785 to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, [find your MAC's website](#).

## Document History

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Date of Change	Description
September 3, 2024	Initial article released.

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