



Laboratory National Coverage Determination Edit Software: October 2026 Update

Related Change Request (CR) Information	
Number: 14536	Release Date: July 2, 2026
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Title: Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for October 2026	

Affected Providers

- Laboratories
- Suppliers
- 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 October 2026 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 190.22 – Thyroid Testing
- NCD 190.24 – Digoxin Therapeutic Drug Assay
- NCD 190.32 – Gamma Glutamyl Transferase
- NCD 190.34 – Fecal Occult Blood Test

Refer to CR 14536 to find specific codes we're adding and deleting.

Background

CR 14536 announces changes included in the clinical diagnostic laboratory edit module for October 2026. The laboratory negotiated rulemaking committee developed the NCDs for clinical diagnostic laboratory services in 2001. We developed the nationally uniform software and incorporated it in the Medicare shared systems so that 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 result from coding analysis decisions developed under code maintenance procedures in the negotiated NCDs and ICD-10-CM code biannual updates.

More Information

We issued CR 14536 to your MAC as the official instruction for this change. For more information, find your [MAC's website](#).

Document History

Date of Change	Description
July 7, 2026	Initial article released.

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