



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Tests Subject to Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Edits
Downloadable File on the CLIA Internet Page - ***Informational Only***

Memorandum Summary

The Tests Subject to CLIA Edits downloadable file: Is updated on a yearly basis and information in the column labeled LABORATORY CERTIFICATION (LC) CODE is for informational purposes only.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Internet site has several pages dedicated to CLIA content. The CMS CLIA page called "Categorization of Tests" [http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/CLIA/Categorization_of_Tests.html] contains several downloadable files that include Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes.

The downloadable file called "Tests Subject to CLIA Edits" is updated on a yearly basis. This corresponds to the annual update for the CMS HCPCS file. The information contained in the column entitled "LABORATORY CERTIFICATION (LC) CODE" is for informational purposes only and is related to a specific CLIA specialty or subspecialty. The LC code information is not used by Medicare to process a claim or as the reason for rejecting a claim.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Kathleen Todd at Kathleen.Todd@cms.hhs.gov.

Effective Date: Immediately

/s/
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