

New Clinical Laboratory Tests for 2008

Final Payment Determinations

New codes for clinical laboratory tests will become effective January 1, 2008 under the Medicare Part B clinical laboratory fee schedule for outpatient testing. The new codes were developed by the Current Procedural Technology (CPT) Editorial Panel. In accordance with regulation 42 CFR §414.506, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) hosted a public meeting on July 16, 2007 to receive payment recommendations for the new test codes. On September 19, 2007, CMS posted the public's payment recommendations and Medicare's proposed payment determinations on our [Laboratory Public Meeting website](#). A written comment period on the proposed payment determinations was available to the public until October 5, 2007.

After consideration of the comments received, payment determinations were finalized for new codes included in the 2008 Medicare clinical laboratory fee schedule in accordance with Section 42 CFR §414.506(d)(2). The chart file for the final 2008 new clinical laboratory tests contain a summary of the comments, the CMS response and the final payment determinations.

The data file for the 2008 Medicare clinical laboratory fee schedule will be available at www.cms.hhs.gov/ClinicalLabFeeSched