

# CMS Manual System

## Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing

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Change Request 4005

**SUBJECT: Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for October 2005**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** In accordance with Chapter 16, §120.2, the laboratory edit module is updated quarterly. This instruction communicates requirements to shared system maintainers and contractors notifying them of changes to the laboratory edit module to update it for changes in laboratory NCD code lists for October 2005.

**NEW/REVISED MATERIAL :**

**EFFECTIVE DATE : October 01, 2005**

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE : October 03, 2005**

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**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated)

**R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED**

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
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**III. FUNDING:**

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2005 operating budgets.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

Recurring Notification Form

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# Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** This transmittal announces the changes that will be included in the October 2005 release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services. The NCDs for clinical diagnostic laboratory services were developed by the laboratory negotiated rulemaking committee and published as a final rule on November 23, 2001. Nationally uniform software has been developed by Computer Sciences Corporation and incorporated in the shared systems so that laboratory claims subject to one of the 23 NCDs are processed uniformly throughout the nation effective January 1, 2003. The laboratory edit module for the NCDs will be updated quarterly as necessary to reflect ministerial coding updates and substantive changes to the NCDs developed through the NCD process. (See Pub. 100-4, Chapter 16, §120.2.)

**B. Policy:** In order to accommodate changes to the ICD-9-CM codes that become effective October 1, 2005, changes are being made to the NCD code lists as described below. These changes become effective for services furnished on or after October 1, 2005.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement*  
*"Should" denotes an optional requirement*

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H I	C a r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
4005.1	We are adding new ICD-9-CM codes 585.6 to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for Urine Culture. We are deleting code 585 from the list of covered codes for this NCD.									CSC
4005.2	We are adding new ICD-9-CM codes 287.30-287.39 to the list of ICD-9-CM codes covered by Medicare for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Testing (Diagnosis). We are									CSC





	Internet.									
4005.17	The shared system maintainers shall install the reviews edit module after testing and distribute it to the carriers and intermediaries as part of their routine release.					X	X	X		
4005.18	Carriers and intermediaries shall conduct provider education to advise laboratories of all changes to the laboratory edit module.	X		X						

**III. PROVIDER EDUCATION**

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
4005.19	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters">www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters</a> shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "medlearn matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin and incorporated into any educational events on this topic. Contractors are free to supplement Medlearn Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	X		X						

**IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

**A. Other Instructions:** N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

**B. Design Considerations:** N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

**C. Interfaces:** N/A

**D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact:** N/A

**E. Dependencies:** N/A

**F. Testing Considerations:** N/A

**V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING**

<p><b>Effective Date*:</b> October 1, 2005</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> October 3, 2005</p> <p><b>Pre-Implementation Contact(s):</b> Jackie Sheridan-Moore (410) 786-4635</p> <p><b>Post-Implementation Contact(s):</b> ROs</p>	<p><b>No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2005 operating budgets.</b></p>
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