

Calendar Year 2009
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
New Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule Test Codes
And Final Payment Determinations

New Code

83876

New Code Description

Myeloperoxidase (MPO)

Industry Recommended Crosswalk

82553 (Creatine Kinase (CK), (CPK); MB fraction only); or 83880 (Natriuretic Peptide); or 82045 (Albumin, ischemia modified (IMA))

CMS Final Crosswalk Decision

83520

Rationale

Myeloperoxidase (MPO) is an enzyme released from white blood cells that may have predictive and prognostic value in coronary artery disease. The MPO test is an immunoassay that uses the ELISA (Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay) technique to quantify the level of MPO. Currently the lab industry codes a variety of other ELISA assays to 83520, and the other immunoassay codes available in CPT describe non-ELISA methodologies. Therefore, CMS recommends that this new ELISA assay also be crosswalked to 83520. The National Limitation Amount (NLA) for this code is \$18.09.

New Code

83951

New Code Description

Oncoprotein; des-gamma-carboxy-prothrombin (DCP)

Industry Recommended Crosswalk

83950 (Oncoprotein; HER-2/neu)

CMS Final Crosswalk Decision

83950

Rationale

Based on information and data submitted by the manufacturer for this test during the comment period, CMS has concluded that crosswalking this test code to Code 83950 is appropriate. The NLA for this code is \$89.99.

New Code

85397

New Code Description

Coagulation and Fibrinolysis, functional activity, not otherwise specified (e.g., ADAMTS-13), each analyte

Industry Recommended Crosswalk

85245 (Clotting; factor VIII, VW factor, ristocetin cofactor); or 85246 (Clotting; factor VIII, VW factor antigen); or 85247 (Clotting; factor VIII, von Willebrand factor, multimeric analysis)

CMS Final Crosswalk Decision

85245

Rationale

Based on additional clinical review during the comment period, CMS concluded that the coagulation assay is a highly specific assay for a specific protease associated with a particular clotting factor. Due to this enzyme's presence at such low concentrations, it is not the same as tests for the more abundant plasma coagulation factors, but more like the coagulation factors recommended by the industry. Therefore, the public comments to crosswalk this test to either 85245, 85246, or 85247 are appropriate. As a result, CMS will crosswalk this test to Code 85245. The NLA for this code is \$32.06.

New Code

87905

New Code Description

Infectious agent enzymatic activity other than virus (e.g., sialidase activity in vaginal fluid)

Industry Recommended Crosswalk

(82657) Enzyme activity in blood cells, cultured cells, or tissue, not elsewhere specified; nonradioactive substrate, each specimen; or (82657) Enzyme activity

in blood cells, cultured cells, or tissue, not elsewhere specified; nonradioactive substrate, each specimen, MINUS (87176) Homogenization, tissue, for culture; or (87810) Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay with direct optical observation; chlamydia trachomatis; or (87808) Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay with direct optical observation; trichomonas vaginalis

CMS Final Crosswalk Decision

82657 MINUS 87176

Rationale

CMS agrees with the recommendation of a \$17.01 payment, since this was addressed on the application from the CPT Editorial Panel and Executive Committee Meeting held February 7-9, 2008. Crosswalk to CPT Code 82657 less CPT Code 87176 is recommended because Code 82657 represents an analogous test using similar methodology applied to cell or tissue specimens, while Code 87176 is subtracted to allow for specimen processing not required in the assay described by the new code directly applied to body fluid specimens (e.g., vaginal fluid).

New Code

88740

New Code Description

Hemoglobin, quantitative, transcutaneous, per day; carboxy-hemoglobin

Industry Recommended Crosswalk

88720 (Bilirubin) (New Code 88720 replaces Code 88400)

CMS Final Crosswalk Decision

88720

Rationale

Similar resources are used to perform both the 88740 and 88741 tests. However, based on additional information from the manufacturer during the comment period, CMS understands that it would be inappropriate for both tests to be performed on the same piece of equipment at the same time, even if it was necessary to perform both tests on the same patient. This is due to the level of accuracy that can be obtained by performing each test separately. Therefore, it is appropriate to crosswalk this test directly to Code 88400. The NLA for this code is \$7.02.

New Code

88741

New Code Description

Methemoglobin, quantitative, transcutaneous, per day; carboxy-hemoglobin

Industry Recommended Crosswalk

88720 (Bilirubin) (New Code 88720 replaces Code 88400)

CMS Final Crosswalk Decision

88720

Rationale

Similar resources are used to perform both the 88740 and 88741 tests. However, based on additional information from the manufacturer during the comment period, CMS understands that it would be inappropriate for both tests to be performed on the same piece of equipment at the same time, even if it was necessary to perform both tests on the same patient. This is due to the level of accuracy that can be obtained by performing each test separately. Therefore, it is appropriate to crosswalk this test directly to Code 88400. The NLA for this code is \$7.02.