



Annual Notice to Physicians Date: 6/1/2012

The Office of the Inspector General has requested that all clinical laboratories annually provide their clients with the following information. Attached is a list of the 2012 American Medical Association (AMA) defined Organ/Disease Panels and their detailed test components. The enclosure is designed to assure that you are aware of and understand AMA defined Organ/Disease Panels and their applicable Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement rates, patient pricing and currently used Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes.

Additionally, the Federal government has requested that all laboratories inform you of the following government policies that apply to physicians and other individuals authorized by law to order laboratory tests.

When ordering tests for which Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement will be sought:

- a. Physicians and other authorized ordering parties should only order those tests they believe are medically necessary for their patients.
- b. Physicians and other authorized ordering parties should only order AMA defined Organ/Disease Panels when all components are medically necessary. Payment for individual components of AMA defined organ/disease panels will be rejected if not medically necessary.
- c. A list of AMA defined Organ/Disease Panels is attached with the corresponding fees; (view and download the Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee schedule at http://www.cms.gov/ClinicalLabFeeSched/02_clinlab.asp#TopOfPage)
- d. Physicians and other authorized parties should order individual tests or a less inclusive profile when not all the tests are medically necessary for an individual patient.
- e. The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General takes the position that the physician and other authorized individuals, who order medically unnecessary tests, may be subject to civil monetary penalties.
- f. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services has developed National Coverage Determinations (NCD). These guidelines give direction for medical necessity on selected tests. View the lab NCDs at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/mcd/index_section.asp?ncd_sections=40
- g. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has authorized Cigna Government Services, Ohio's Medicare Part B carrier, to develop local coverage determinations (LCD). These guidelines may supplement or be in addition to the National Coverage Determinations and give direction for medical necessity on selected tests.
- h. Charges for screening non-covered, medically necessary, experimental, research only and non FDA approved tests will be the responsibility of the patient. A signed Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Non-coverage (ABN) is required prior to delivery of the service. It is the responsibility of the physician and other authorized ordering party to obtain a properly completed ABN when the patient is serviced in his/her office.**
- i. Section 4317 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 requires the physician or authorized ordering party submit a diagnosis to the laboratory for submission of a Medicare claim. It is the responsibility of the physician or authorized ordering party to document the diagnosis in the patient's medical record.
- j. The ordering individual is aware that the clinical laboratory may only bill Medicare and Medicaid for testing ordered by a licensed physician or other individuals authorized by law to order laboratory tests.
- k. The Office of the Inspector General takes the position that physicians or other individuals authorized by law to order laboratory tests, who knowingly cause a false claim to be submitted to any federally funded program, may be subject to sanctions or remedies available under civil, criminal and administrative law.

Please take a few minutes to review this information. We value your business and appreciate the opportunity to serve your laboratory needs in conjunction with these initiatives.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (AMA) DEFINED ORGAN/DISEASE PANELS

- 80047** **Basic Metabolic Panel (calcium, ionized)**
Calcium, ionized (82330)
Carbon dioxide (82374)
Chloride (82435)
Creatinine (82565)
Glucose (82947)
Potassium (84132)
Sodium (84295)
- 80048** **Basic Metabolic Panel (calcium, total)**
Calcium total (82310)
Carbon dioxide (82374)
Chloride (82435)
Creatinine (82565)
Glucose (82947)
Potassium (84132)
Sodium (84295)
- 80050** **General health panel**
Comprehensive metabolic panel (80053)
Blood count complete (CBC) automated and automated
differential WBC count (85025 or 85027 and 85004)
OR
Blood count, complete (CBC) automated (85027) and
Appropriate manual differential WBC count (85007 or 85009)
- 80051** **electrolyte panel**
Carbon dioxide (82374)
Chloride (82435)
Potassium (84132)
Sodium (84295)
- 80053** **Comprehensive metabolic panel**
Albumin (82040)
Bilirubin, total (82247)
Calcium total (82310)
Carbon dioxide (82374)
Chloride (82435)
Creatinine (82565)
Glucose (82947)
Phosphatase alkaline (84075)
Potassium (84132)
Protein total (84155)
Sodium (84295)
Transferase alanine amino (ALT)(SGPT) (84460)
Transferase aspartate amino (AST)(SGOT) (84450)
- 80055** **Obstetric Panel**
Blood count, complete (CBC) automated and automated
Differential WBC count (85025 or 85027 and 85004)
OR
Blood count, complete (CBC) automated (85027) and
Appropriate manual differential WBC count (85007 or 85009)
Hepatitis B surface antigen (87340)
Antibody rubella (86762)

Syphilis test qualitative VDRL, RPR (86592)
Blood typing ABO (86900)
Blood typing Rh (86901)

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Lipid Panel

Cholesterol (82465)
Lipoprotein, direct measurement, high density cholesterol (83718)
Triglycerides (84478)

80069

Renal Function Panel

Albumin (82040)
Calcium total (82310)
Carbon dioxide (82374)
Chloride (82435)
Creatinine (82565)
Glucose (82947)
Phosphorus inorganic (84100)
Potassium (84132)
Sodium (84295)
Urea nitrogen (BUN) (84520)

80074

Acute Hepatitis panel

Hepatitis A antibody IGM (86709)
Hepatitis B core antibody IGM (86705)
Hepatitis B surface antigen (87340)
Hepatitis C antibody (86803)

80076

Hepatic function panel

Albumin (82040)
Bilirubin total (82247)
Bilirubin direct (82248)
Phosphatase alkaline (84075)
Protein total (84155)
Transferase, alanine amino (ALT)(SGPT) (84460)
Transferase, aspartate amino (AST)(SGOT) (84450)