

TO: ALL PROVIDERS
FROM: CAREFIRST, INC., MEDICARE PART A
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SUBJECT: UPDATES FOR LOCAL MEDICAL REVIEW POLICIES FOR 2003

CPT/HCPCS CODES UPDATES

The following are updates to the HCPCS codes as they apply to the Local Medical Review Policies. The HCPCS updates are **effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2003**. The 3-month grace period still applies to discontinued HCPCS codes. The grace period applies to claims received prior to April 1, 2003, which include 2002 discontinued codes for dates of service January 1, 2003 through March 31, 2003. The general information concerning HCPCS updates was initially published in an October 3, 2002 Provider Bulletin. (Program Memorandum AB-02-132, CR 2358)

- Diagnostic and Therapeutic Colonoscopy (00-07)
New codes
 - 45381 Colonoscopy, flexible, proximal to splenic flexure; with directed submucosal injections(s), any substance
 - 45386 with dilation by balloon, 1 or more strictures

- FEES/FEESST (00-02)
New codes
 - 92610 Evaluation of oral and pharyngeal swallowing function
 - 92612 Flexible fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing by cine or video recording;
 - 92613 physician interpretation and report only
 - 92614 Flexible fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation, laryngeal sensory testing by cine or video recording;
 - 92615 physician interpretation and report only
 - 92616 Flexible fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing and laryngeal sensory testing by cine or video recording
 - 92617 physician interpretation and report onlyDiscontinued codes
 - G0193
 - G0194
 - G0195

- Granulocyte Colony Stimulating Factors (96-06)
New code
 - C9119-Injection, Pegfilgrastim, per 6 mg per single dose vial

- Hyaluronate Polymers (99-06)
New Code
J7317 Sodium hyaluronate, per 20 to 25 mg dose for intra-articular injection
Discontinued codes
J7316
Q3030

- Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) (96-05)
New code
J1564 Injection, Immune globulin, 10 mg
Discontinued code
J1561

- Modified Barium Swallow (MBS) (00-01)
New codes
92610 Evaluation of oral and pharyngeal swallowing /function
92611 Motion fluoroscopic evaluation of swallowing function by cine or video recording
Discontinued codes
G0196
92525

- Outpatient Pulmonary Rehabilitation (02-01)
Discontinued code
94665

LOCAL MEDICAL REVIEW POLICY (LMRP)

Effective 10/01/2002, intermediaries will no longer be required to distribute full-text LMRPs to all providers via hardcopy. Instead, the intermediary will meet the LMRP notice requirement using the following process:

- The full-text policy will no longer be published and mailed to providers.
- The full-text policy will only be published on the contractor website (www.marylandmedicare.com). The date the LMRP is posted to the website will be considered the "notice date."
- All future policy notices published in hardcopy will contain a summary of each local medical policy. If a hardcopy of the full-text is required and the provider is unable to print from the website, contact Trish Neal at patricia.neal@carefirst.com.

NEGOTIATED RULE-MAKING CLINICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY SERVICES

National Coverage Decisions (NCDs) were implemented for 23 laboratory policies for services on or after November 25, 2002. The following local policies will be archived as a result of the implementation of the NCDs and will be withdrawn from our website:

Alpha-fetoprotein
Bacterial Urine Culture
Blood Counts
Blood Glucose Testing
Carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA)
Digoxin Level
Glycated Hemoglobin/Protein
Gonadotropin, chorionic (HCG)
Lipid panel
Prostatic Specific Antigen
Prothrombin time
Serum Iron Studies
Thyroid Profiles
Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay CA-125
Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay CA-15-3
Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay CA-19-9

Should you have any questions relating to this article, contact Trish Neal at 410-561-4041 or email at patricia.neal@carefirst.com.

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