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TO: Regional Medical Laboratory Clients
FROM: Carol Ghere, MT (ASCP) SI, Compliance Officer
DATE: January 4, 2012
SUBJECT: 2012 CPT4 Code Changes from American Medical Association (AMA)

2012 CPT4 Code Changes for AMA

The American Medical Association (AMA) CPT code changes for 2012 which became effective on January 1, 2012, have been reviewed and there are no new codes to be added to the test directory for Regional Medical Laboratory.

Molecular Diagnostic Testing

The AMA has published new CPT codes for molecular diagnostic testing for 2012 to replace current "stacked codes" but they have not included them in either the Clinical Lab Fee Schedule or the Professional Fee Schedule. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has asked us to submit these new codes along with the current "stacked codes" with zero charge. We have contacted other payers and they are not currently asking for these new codes.

For our clients that do bill Medicare and Medicaid, we will supply them with a list of current molecular tests done at RML and the new codes to be billed to Medicare. If you need additional information concerning this ruling, please refer to Medicare Transmittal 2365 or feel free to contact Carol Ghere, MT (ASCP) SI, Compliance Committee Chairman at 918-403-0201 or cghere@sjmc.org.