



**MEMO**

**TO:** Regional Medical Laboratory Clients  
**FROM:** Carol Ghere, MT (ASCP) SI, Compliance Committee Chairman  
**DATE:** January 2, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** 2008 CPT4 Code Changes from American Medical Association (AMA)

**2008 CPT4 Code Changes for AMA**

The American Medical Association (AMA) CPT code changes for 2008 will become effective on January 1, 2008. Regional Medical Laboratory will implement the following changes in CPT4 codes to comply with changes suggested by the AMA. The table below lists the code changes that might affect you.

If you have any other questions or need additional information, please contact Carol Ghere, MT (ASCP) SI, Compliance Committee Chairman, at 918-384-2201 or [cghere@sjmc.org](mailto:cghere@sjmc.org).

Please note that the code 86586 (Unlisted antigen, each), previously used for some skin tests as well as some flow cytometry tests, is being deleted and will be replaced by two more specific codes.

- 86486 for the skin tests
- 86356 for mononuclear cell antigen, quantitative, (e.g., flow cytometry), not otherwise specified.

RML Test Code Changes	Current CPT4 Code	New 2008 CPT4 Code
<b>ANERGY</b>	86586 86485	<b>86486</b> 86485
<b>ANERGY with PPD</b>	86586 86485 86580	<b>86486</b> 86485 86580
<b>TRICHOPHYTON SKIN TEST</b>	86586	<b>86486</b>
<b>FLOW CYTOMETRY UNSPECIFIED ANTIGEN</b>	86586	<b>86356</b>
<b>CD 20</b>	86586	<b>86356</b>

OCCULT FECAL BLOOD by Peroxidase Activity	CPT4 Code Based on Diagnosis
To evaluate GI bleed or blood in stool Requires medical necessity National Coverage Determination	<b>82272</b>
For Colorectal Neoplasm screening only; Paid once yearly by Medicare Local Coverage Determination	<b>82270</b>