



## Laboratory National Coverage Determination Edit Software Updates: October 2025

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<b>Effective Date:</b> October 1, 2025	<b>Related Change Request (CR) Number:</b> CR 14153
<b>Implementation Date:</b> October 6, 2025	<b>Related CR Transmittal Numbers:</b> <a href="#">R13292CP</a> & <a href="#">R13359CP</a>
<b>Related CR Title:</b> Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for October 2025	

**What's Changed?** We made no substantive changes to the article other than to update the CR release date, transmittal numbers, and transmittal links.

### Affected Providers

- Physicians
- Suppliers
- Other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services

### Action Needed

Make sure your billing staff knows about National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) with added and deleted ICD-10-CM codes.

### Background

CR 14153 announces quarterly changes included in the clinical diagnostic laboratory edit module for October 2025. The NCDs for clinical diagnostic laboratory services were developed by the laboratory negotiated rulemaking committee in 2001. This nationally uniform software was developed and incorporated in the Medicare shared systems so that MACs process laboratory claims for the 23 NCDs in the [Medicare NCD Manual, Chapter 1, Part 3](#), sections 190.12–190.34 uniformly throughout the nation.

CMS updates the laboratory edit module quarterly, as necessary, to reflect ministerial coding updates and substantive changes to NCDs. Changes result from coding analysis decisions developed under code maintenance procedures in the negotiated NCDs and ICD-10-CM code biannual updates.

## Key Updates

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NCDs with added and deleted ICD-10 codes in the October 2025 update:

- NCD 190.12 – Urine Culture, Bacterial
- NCD 190.13 – Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Testing (Prognosis Including Monitoring)
- NCD 190.14 – Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Testing (Diagnosis)
- NCD 190.15 – Blood Counts
- NCD 190.16 – Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT)
- NCD 190.17 – Prothrombin Time (PT)
- NCD 190.18 – Serum Iron Studies
- NCD 190.19 – Collagen Crosslinks, any Method
- NCD 190.20A – Blood Glucose Testing
- NCD 190.20B – Blood Glucose Testing
- NCD 190.21A – Glycated Hemoglobin/Glycated Protein
- NCD 190.21B – Glycated Hemoglobin/Glycated Protein
- NCD 190.22 – Thyroid Testing
- NCD 190.23A – Lipid Testing
- NCD 190.23B – Lipid Testing
- NCD 190.24 – Digoxin Therapeutic Drug Assay
- NCD 190.25 – Alpha-fetoprotein
- NCD 190.26 – Carcinoembryonic Antigen
- NCD 190.27 – Human Chorionic Gonadotropin
- NCD 190.28 – Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay - CA 125
- NCD 190.29 – Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay - CA 15-3/CA 27.29
- NCD 190.30 – Tumor Antigen by Immunoassay - CA 19-9
- NCD 190.31 – Prostate Specific Antigen
- NCD 190.32 – Gamma Glutamyl Transferase
- NCD 190.33 – Hepatitis Panel/Acute Hepatitis Panel
- NCD 190.34 – Fecal Occult Blood Test

See CR 14153 to find specific codes we're adding and deleting.

## More Information

We issued **transmittals R13292CP and R13359CP** to your MAC as the official instruction for this change. For more information, find your [MAC's website](#).

## Document History

Date of Change	Description
August 13, 2025	We made no substantive changes to the article other than to update the CR release date, transmittal numbers, and transmittal links.
July 23, 2025	Initial article released.

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