



December 20, 2010

Dear Health Care Provider:

The Office of Inspector General has requested that we annually provide you with the following information. Attached is a list of Medicare/MediCal approved Organ/Disease Panels, their components and currently used CPT codes and respective reimbursements.

Additionally, the Federal government has requested that all laboratories inform you of the following government policies that apply to providers.

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

- a) **Effective January 1, 2011, the provider must sign the paper test requisition or order;**
- b) Providers should only order those tests they believe are medically necessary for their patients;
- c) Providers should only order Medicare/Medicaid Organ/Disease Panels when all components are medically necessary. Payment for individual components of Medicare/MediCal Organ/Disease Panels will be rejected if not medically necessary;
- d) Providers 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 provider who orders medically unnecessary tests may be subject to civil monetary penalties;
- f) National Coverage Decision Policies and Local Medical Review Polices provide payment guidelines for medical necessity on target tests. These guidelines can be found <http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/indexes/lab-ncd-index.aspx?bc=BAAAAAAAAAAAA&> and <http://www.palmettogba.com/palmetto/providers.nsf/DocsCatHome/Jurisdiction%201%20Part%20A>, respectively.
- g) Providers are required by law to provide diagnosis information for each test ordered at the time of the test request;
- h) Charges for screening, non-covered, medically unnecessary, experimental, research only and non-FDA-approved tests will be the responsibility of the patient. A signed Advance Beneficiary Notice is required prior to delivery of the service;
- i) The Office of Inspector General takes the position that providers 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.

We at CHW value your business and appreciate the opportunity to serve your laboratory needs.

Catholic Healthcare West
Greater Sacramento Service Area

Annual Notice Attachment

Reimbursement (Medicare/MediCal)

<u>Basic Metabolic Panel (calcium, ionized)</u>	CPT 80047	\$12.36/\$24.41
Calcium, ionized (82330) (\$19.95/\$15.10)		
Carbon Dioxide (82374) (\$7.14/\$5.32)		
Chloride (82435) (\$6.70/\$5.08)		
Creatinine (82565) (\$7.48/\$5.32)		
Glucose (82947) (\$5.73/\$4.34)		
Potassium (84132) (\$6.70/\$5.08)		
Sodium (84295) (\$7.02/\$5.32)		
Urea Nitrogen, BUN (84520) (\$5.76/\$4.36)		
<u>Basic Metabolic Panel (Calcium, total)</u>	CPT 80048	\$12.36/\$9.36
Calcium, total (82310) (\$7.53/\$5.70)		
Carbon Dioxide (82374) (\$7.14/\$5.32)		
Chloride (82435) (\$6.70/\$5.08)		
Creatinine (82565) (\$7.48/\$5.32)		
Glucose (82947) (\$5.73/\$4.34)		
Potassium (84132) (\$6.70/\$5.08)		
Sodium (84295) (\$7.02/\$5.32)		
Urea Nitrogen, BUN (84520) (\$5.76/\$4.36)		
<u>Electrolyte Panel</u>	CPT 80051	\$10.24/\$7.75
Carbon Dioxide (82374) (\$7.14/\$5.32)		
Chloride (82435) (\$6.70/\$5.08)		
Potassium (84132) (\$6.70/\$5.08)		
Sodium (84295) (\$7.02/\$5.32)		
<u>Comprehensive Metabolic Panel</u>	CPT 80053	\$15.44/\$11.69
Albumin (82040) (\$7.23/\$5.32)		
Bilirubin, total (82247) (\$7.22/\$5.55)		
Calcium, total (82310) (\$7.53/\$5.70)		
Carbon Dioxide (82374) (\$7.14/\$5.32)		
Chloride (82435) (\$6.70/\$5.08)		
Creatinine (82565) (\$7.48/\$5.32)		
Glucose (82947) (\$5.73/\$4.34)		
Phosphorus, alkaline (84075) (\$7.56/\$5.72)		
Potassium (84132) (\$6.70/\$5.08)		
Protein, total (84155) (\$5.35/\$4.05)		
Sodium (84295) (\$7.02/\$5.32)		
Transferase, alanine amino (ALT) (SGPT) (84460) (\$7.73/\$5.86)		
Transferase, aspartate amino (AST) (SGOT) (84450) (\$7.55/\$5.71)		
Urea Nitrogen, BUN (84520) (\$5.76/\$4.36)		

Lipid Panel CPT (80061) \$19.57/\$13.88
Cholesterol, serum total (82465) (\$6.36/\$4.03)
Lipoprotein, direct measurement, high density cholesterol (HDL cholesterol) (83718) (\$6.36/\$4.03)
Triglycerides (84478) (\$8.40/\$6.36)

Renal Function Panel CPT 80069 \$12.68/\$9.60
Albumin (82040) (\$7.23/\$5.32)
Calcium, total (82310) (\$7.53/\$5.70)
Carbon Dioxide (82374) (\$7.14/\$5.32)
Chloride (82435) (\$6.70/\$5.08)
Creatinine (82565) (\$7.48/\$5.32)
Glucose (82947) (\$5.73/\$4.34)
Phosphorus inorganic (84100) (\$6.93/\$5.25)
Potassium (84132) (\$6.70/\$5.08)
Protein, total (84155) (\$5.35/\$4.05)
Sodium (84295) (\$7.02/\$5.32)
Urea Nitrogen, BUN (84520) (\$5.76/\$4.36)

Acute Hepatitis Panel CPT 80074 \$69.54/\$52.66
Hepatitis A Ab, IgM Ab (86709) (\$16.44/\$12.44)
Hepatitis B Core, IgM Ab (86705) (\$17.18/\$13.02)
Hepatitis B Surface Ag (87340) (\$15.08/\$11.42)
Hepatitis C Ab (86803) (\$20.84/\$15.78)

Hepatic Function Panel CPT 80076 \$11.93/\$9.03
Albumin (82040) (\$7.23/\$5.32)
Bilirubin, total (82247) (\$7.22/\$5.55)
Bilirubin, direct (82248) (\$7.33/\$5.55)
Phosphorus, alkaline (84075) (\$7.50/\$5.72)
Protein, total (84155) (\$5.35/\$4.05)
Transferase, alanine amino (ALT) (SGPT) (84460) (\$7.73/\$5.86)
Transferase, aspartate amino (AST) (SGOT) (84450) (\$7.55/\$5.71)