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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Physicians Laboratory's Clients**

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**SUBJECT: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)  
National & Local Coverage Determination Update**

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has currently published a revised National Coverage Determination (NCD) Coding Policy Manual and Change Report. This manual details information regarding 23 laboratory NCDs and diagnosis codes that are covered by Medicare. This manual is updated quarterly in an effort to include new codes, correct past errors and alter covered indications. The updated manual for January 2011 can be downloaded at [https://www.cms.gov/CoverageGenInfo/04\\_LabNCDs.asp](https://www.cms.gov/CoverageGenInfo/04_LabNCDs.asp).

Additionally, several additional Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) have been made by Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation for Medicare Part A and Part B providers in the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. These changes are in addition to the NCDs listed in the manual above.

The new LCDs detail changes in coverage for the following tests:

- Cytogenetic Studies
- Diagnostic Pap Tests
- Flow Cytometry
- Heavy Metal Testing
- Helicobacter Pylori Testing
- Vitamin D Assay Testing

You can review the above LCDs in greater detail by visiting the following website address <http://www.wpsmedicare.com/j5macpartb/policy/active/local/>. The policies provide detailed information including CPT codes, indications and limitations of coverage and/or medical necessity, and ICD9 Codes.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this memo, please contact Kacey Moreland at 1-800-642-1117.