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**TO:** Independent Clinical Laboratories Participating in MassHealth  
**FROM:** Beth Waldman, Medicaid Director *BW*  
**RE:** *Independent Clinical Laboratory Manual (Code Correction)*

This letter transmits revisions to the service codes and descriptions listed in Subchapter 6 of the *Independent Clinical Laboratory Manual*. A correction has been made to Service Code 88167, currently listed incorrectly as 86167 on page 6-30. This revision is effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2006.

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(The pages listed here contain new or revised language.)

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Pages 6-29 and 6-30

**OBSOLETE MATERIAL**

(The pages listed here are no longer in effect.)

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601 Laboratory Service Codes and Descriptions (cont.)

Service  
Code

Service Description

87651	Streptococcus, group A, amplified probe technique
87652	Streptococcus, group A, quantification
87660	Trichomonas vaginalis, direct probe technique
87797	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA), not otherwise specified; direct probe technique, each organism
87798	amplified probe technique, each organism
87799	quantification, each organism
87800	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA), multiple organisms; direct probe(s) technique
87801	amplified probe(s) technique
87802	Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay with direct optical observation; Streptococcus, group B
87803	Clostridium difficile toxin A
87804	influenza
87807	infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay with direct optical observation, respiratory syncytial virus
87810	Infectious agent detection by immunoassay with direct optical observation; Chlamydia trachomatis
87850	Neisseria gonorrhoeae
87880	Streptococcus, group A
87899	not otherwise specified
87900	Infectious agent drug susceptibility phenotype prediction using regularly updated genotypic bioinformatics
87901	Infectious agent genotype analysis by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); HIV 1, reverse transcriptase and protease
87902	Hepatitis C virus
87903	Infectious agent phenotype analysis by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA) with drug resistance tissue culture analysis, HIV 1; first through 10 drugs tested
87904	each additional drug tested (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure.) (Use 87904 in conjunction with 87903.)
87999	Unlisted microbiology procedure (I.C.) (P.A.)

**ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY**

**Cytopathology**

88104	Cytopathology, fluids, washings or brushings, except cervical or vaginal; smears with interpretation
88106	filter method only with interpretation
88107	smears and filter preparation with interpretation
88108	Cytopathology, concentration technique, smears and interpretation (e.g., Saccomanno technique)
88112	Cytopathology, selective cellular enhancement technique with interpretation (eg, liquid based slide preparation method), except cervical or vaginal
88130	Sex chromatin identification; Barr bodies
88140	peripheral blood smear, polymorphonuclear drumsticks

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601 Laboratory Service Codes and Descriptions (cont.)

Service

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Codes 88141-88155, 88164-88167 are used to report cervical or vaginal screening by various methods and to report physician interpretation services. Use codes 88150-88154 to report Pap smears that are examined using non-Bethesda reporting. Use codes 88164-88167 to report Pap smears that are examined using the Bethesda System of reporting. Use codes 88142-88143 to report specimens collected in fluid medium with automated thin layer preparation that are examined using any system of reporting (Bethesda or non-Bethesda). Within each of these three code families choose the one code that describes the screening method(s) used. Codes 88141 and 88155 should be reported in addition to the screening code chosen when the additional services are provided.

- 88141      Cytopathology, cervical or vaginal (any reporting system); requiring interpretation by physician (List separately in addition to code for technical service.)
- 88142      Cytopathology, cervical or vaginal (any reporting system), collected in preservative fluid, automated thin layer preparation; manual screening under physician supervision
- 88143      with manual screening and rescreening under physician supervision
- 88147      Cytopathology smears, cervical or vaginal; screening by automated system under physician supervision
- 88148      screening by automated system with manual rescreening under physician supervision
- 88150      Cytopathology, slides, cervical or vaginal; manual screening under physician supervision
- 88152      with manual screening and computer-assisted rescreening under physician supervision
- 88153      with manual screening and rescreening under physician supervision
- 88154      with manual screening and computer-assisted rescreening using cell selection and review under physician supervision
- 88155      Cytopathology, slides, cervical or vaginal, definitive hormonal evaluation (e.g., maturation index, karyopyknotic index, estrogenic index) (List separately in addition to code(s) for other technical and interpretation services.)
- 88160      Cytopathology, smears, any other source; screening and interpretation
- 88161      preparation, screening, and interpretation
- 88162      extended study involving over five slides and/or multiple stains
- 88164      Cytopathology, slides, cervical or vaginal (the Bethesda System); manual screening under physician supervision
- 88165      with manual screening and rescreening under physician supervision
- 88166      with manual screening and computer-assisted rescreening under physician supervision
- 88167      with manual screening and computer-assisted rescreening using cell selection and review under physician supervision
- 88172      Cytopathology, evaluation of fine needle aspirate; immediate cytohistologic study to determine adequacy of specimen(s)
- 88173      interpretation and report
- 88174      Cytopathology, cervical or vaginal (any reporting system), collected in preservative fluid, automated thin layer preparation, screening by automated system, under physician supervision
- 88175      with screening by automated system and manual rescreening or review, under physician supervision
- 88182      Flow cytometry; cell cycle or DNA analysis