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Transmittal Letter LAB-54

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 **TO:** Independent Clinical Laboratories Participating in MassHealth

 **FROM:** Amanda Cassel Kraft, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth [signature of Amanda Cassel Kraft]

 **RE:** *Independent Clinical* *Laboratory Manual* (2020 updates and 2021 HCPCS)

This letter transmits revisions to the service codes in the *Independent Clinical Laboratory Manual*. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has revised the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for 2021. MassHealth has updated Subchapter 6 to include new service codes effective for dates of service on or after November 10, 2020, and January 1, 2021, and discontinued codes effective for dates of service on or after October 6, 2020, and January 1, 2021.

MassHealth providers must refer to the American Medical Association’s 2021 *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) codebook or the *Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II* codebook for service descriptions of the codes listed in Subchapter 6 of the *Independent Clinical Laboratory Manual.*

|  | **2020 Adds** |  |
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| **Code** | **Description of Code** | **Effective for Dates of Service On or After** |
| 87428 | Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique, (eg, enzyme immunoassay [EIA], enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay [ELISA], fluorescence immunoassay [FIA], immunochemiluminometric assay [IMCA]) qualitative or semiquantitative; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (eg, SARS-CoV, SARS-CoV-2 [COVID-19]) and influenza virus types A and B | 11/10/2020 |

|  | **2021 Adds** |  |
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| **Code** | **Description of Code** | **Effective for Dates of Service On or After** |
| U0005 | Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique, CDC or non-CDC, making use of high throughput technologies, completed within 2 calendar days from date of specimen collection (list separately in addition to either HCPCS code U0003 or U0004) as described by CMS-2020-01-R2 | 1/1/2021 |

|  | **2020 Deletes** |  |
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| **Code** | **Description of Code** | **Discontinued on date of service on or after** |
| 87450 | Infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique, (eg, enzyme immunoassay [EIA], enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay [ELISA],immunochemiluminometric assay [IMCA]), qualitative or semiquantitative; single step method | 10/6/2020 |

|  | **2021 Deletes** |  |
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| **Code** | **Description of Code** | **Discontinued on date of service on or after** |
| 81545 | Oncology (thyroid), gene expression analysis of 142 genes, utilizing fine needle aspirate, algorithm reported as a categorical result (eg, benign or suspicious) | 1/1/2021 |

If you wish to obtain a fee schedule, you may download the Executive Office of Health and Human Services regulations at no cost at [www.mass.gov/regulations/101-CMR-32000-clinical-laboratory-services](http://www.mass.gov/regulations/101-CMR-32000-clinical-laboratory-services). The regulation title for Clinical Laboratory Services is 101 CMR 320.00.

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

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OBSOLETE MATERIAL

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

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601 Introduction

MassHealth providers should refer to the American Medical Association’s *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) codebook or the *Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II* codebook for the service codes and service descriptions when billing for services provided to MassHealth members. MassHealth pays for the services represented by the codes listed in Subchapter 6 in effect at the time of service, subject to all conditions and limitations in MassHealth regulations at 130 CMR 401.000 and 450.000. An independent clinical laboratory may request prior authorization (PA) for any medically necessary service reimbursable under the federal Medicaid Act, in accordance with 130 CMR 450.144, 42 U.S.C. 1396d(a) and 42 U.S.C. 1396d(r)(5), for a MassHealth Standard or CommonHealth member younger than 21 years of age, even if it is not designated as covered or payable in Subchapter 6 of the *Independent Clinical Laboratory Manual*.

The following abbreviations are used in Subchapter 6.

(A) IC: Claim requires individual consideration. See 130 CMR 401.419 and 450.271 for more information.

(B) PA: Service requires prior authorization. See 130 CMR 450.303 for more information.

602 Payable Laboratory Services

This section lists CPT codes and HCPCS Level II codes that are payable under MassHealth.

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603 Modifiers

The following service code modifiers are allowed for billing under MassHealth.

Modifier Description

91 Repeat clinical diagnostic laboratory test

QW CLIA waived test

For more information on the use of these modifiers, see Appendix V of your provider manual.

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