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- TO:** Independent Clinics, FQHCs – **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Information Only**
- SUBJECT:** **Reductions of maximum fee allowances for 1999 HCPCS for specified Laboratory Services**
- EFFECTIVE:** Claims with service dates on or after October 1, 1999
- PURPOSE:** To notify Medicaid and NJ KidCare fee-for-service providers of changes in reimbursement amounts for the 1999 Clinical Laboratories, HCFA Common Procedure Coding Systems (HCPCS)
- ACTION:** The New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services has reduced the maximum fee allowances for specified HCPCS procedure codes related to laboratory services. This was done in accordance with N.J.A.C.10:61-1.7, which states that the Medicaid and NJ KidCare maximum fee allowances for covered laboratory services must not exceed fees established for these same services when covered by the Medicare program. In response to decreases in Medicare fee allowances for these services, the Division is adjusting the maximum fee allowance for these services.

Attached to this Newsletter is a list of the specified HCPCS for laboratory services that were affected. The reduced amounts are for claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 1999.

Please **add** the attachment to this Newsletter to your Laboratory Services Manual, after subchapter 3 for laboratories, subchapter 6 for clinics, or subchapter 9 for physicians.

If you have any questions regarding this Newsletter, please contact the Chief Laboratory Consultant, Office of Health Service Administration, at (609) 588-2751.

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1999 Reimbursement Amount Adjustments

(old reimbursement amounts are paid for claims with dates of service prior to October 1, 1999, new rates are effective for claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 1999,)

<u>HCPCS Codes</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Old Fee</u>	<u>New Fee</u>
82017	Acylcarnitines; quantitative, each specimen (for carnitine, see 82379)	24.00	18.60
82136	Amino acids, 2 to 5 amino acids, quantitative, each specimen	24.00	18.64
82139	Amino acids, 6 or more amino acids, quantitative, each specimen	24.00	18.64
82379	Carnitine (total and free), quantitative, each specimen	24.00	18.64
83013	Helicobacter Pylori, breath test analysis	9.00	48.00
83014	Helicobacter pylori, drug administration and sample collection	48.00	9.00
83080	b-Hexosaminidase, each assay	24.00	19.20
83891	Molecular diagnostics; isolation or extraction of highly purified nucleic acid	5.71	5.00
83893	Molecular diagnostics; dot/slot blot production	5.71	5.00
83897	Molecular diagnostics; nucleic acid transfer (eg, Southern, Northern)	5.71	5.00
83901	Molecular diagnostics; amplification of patient nucleic acid, multiplex, each multiplex reaction	30.00	20.00
83903	Molecular diagnostics; mutation scanning, by physical properties (eg, single strand conformational polymorphisms (SSCP), heteroduplex, denaturing gradient gel electrophoresis (DGGE), RNA-ase A), single segment, each	30.00	20.00
		<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>

<u>HCPCS Codes</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Fee</u>
83905	Molecular diagnostics; mutation identification by allele specific transcription, single segment, each segment	30.00	20.00
83906	Molecular diagnostics; mutation identification by allele specific translation, single segment, each segment	30.00	20.00
84154	Prostate specific antigen (PSA); free	26.00	24.50
84376	Sugars (mon-, di, and oligosaccharides); single qualitative, each specimen	14.00	7.00
84377	Sugars (Mon-, di, and oligosaccharides); multiple qualitative, each specimen	14.00	7.00
88264	Chromosome analysis; analyze 20-25 cells	184.00	172.00
88291	Cytogenetics and molecular cytogenetics, interpretation and report	31.39	26.82