

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN

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SUBJECT Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP) – Addition of CD4 Tests to the List of Outpatient Laboratory Services for SP1 Card Holders	BY  Michael Nardone, Deputy Secretary	

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers that SPBP is adding CD4 tests to the scope of covered outpatient laboratory services for SPBP SP1 card holders.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all providers enrolled in the MA Program who provide laboratory services and other services to SPBP SP1 cardholders.

BACKGROUND:

On February 4, 2009, the Department of Public Welfare (Department) issued Medical Assistance (MA) Bulletin Number 01-09-02, *et al*; Subject: Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP) – Coverage of Outpatient Laboratory Services for SP1 Card Holders. This MA Bulletin announced that effective January 26, 2009, SPBP expanded coverage of services to include specified outpatient laboratory services for SP1 card holders, identified provider qualifications and applicable regulations, and provided instruction on how to submit claims.

DISCUSSION:

Effective July 1, 2009, the following Healthcare Common Procedure Codes for CD4 laboratory tests will be added to the list of specified outpatient laboratory services: 86359, 86360 and 86361.

PROCEDURES:

The Department updates the list of covered services when it publishes the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) updates.

Providers can view the current list of outpatient laboratory service codes at <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders/MedicalAssistance/Schedules/003675750.aspx>

Providers must enter the procedure code in the procedure code field and select start search.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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