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Medicare Advantage Coverage Requirements for Select Laboratory Tests

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Effective Date: October 12, 2026

Beginning October 12, 2026, patients with **Medicare Advantage** coverage must have an appropriate medically necessary diagnosis associated with certain laboratory tests for the testing to be covered.

This change affects the following tests:

Test	Lab Order Code(s)
Vitamin D	LAB1231384, LAB1231583
Vitamin B12	LAB67, LAB1231122
Lipid Panel	LAB18, LAB2111122
Hemoglobin A1c (Hgb A1c)	LAB90
Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH)	LAB129, LAB1231632, LAB1000, LAB3077

What Is Changing?

If Z00.00 (general adult medical examination without abnormal findings) is the only diagnosis associated with one of these tests, the order cannot be completed.

Physicians, Advanced Practice Providers and any other staff placing orders will receive a notification in Epic indicating that a medically necessary diagnosis must be associated with the test before the order can be signed. At that point, an appropriate diagnosis must be added or the test must be removed from the order.

Impact to Ordering Offices

To help avoid delays in patient care and testing:

- Ensure appropriate medically necessary diagnoses are included when ordering affected tests for Medicare Advantage patients.
- Orders containing only Z00.00 may require follow-up before testing can proceed.
- Laboratory staff may contact your office to request an updated order when an appropriate diagnosis is not included.

Please note that laboratory and phlebotomy staff cannot accept verbal diagnosis changes. If a diagnosis update is needed, an updated written order must be provided.

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Including an appropriate diagnosis at the time of ordering will help prevent delays in testing, reduce follow-up requests, and ensure timely patient care.

Questions?

Please contact your local Laboratory Customer Service Department or Laboratory Account Manager:

- Southeast Michigan: 800.551.0488
- Southwest Michigan: 269.983.8311 ext 1
- West Michigan: 616.774.7721

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