



Non-covered ICD-10-CM Codes for All Lab NCDs

This section lists codes that are never covered by Medicare for a diagnostic lab testing service. If a code from this section is given as the reason for the test, the test may be billed to the Medicare beneficiary without billing Medicare first because the service is not covered by statute, in most instances because it is performed for screening purposes and is not within an exception. The beneficiary, however, does have a right to have the claim submitted to Medicare, upon request.

The ICD-10-CM codes in the table below can be viewed on CMS' website as part of Downloads: Lab Code List, at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coverage/CoverageGenInfo/LabNCDsICD10.html>

Code	Description
R99	Ill-defined and unknown cause of mortality
Z00.00	Encounter for general adult medical examination without abnormal findings
Z00.01	Encounter for general adult medical examination with abnormal findings
Z00.110	Health examination for newborn under 8 days old
Z00.111	Health examination for newborn 8 to 28 days old
Z00.121	Encounter for routine child health examination with abnormal findings
Z00.129	Encounter for routine child health examination without abnormal findings
Z00.5	Encounter for examination of potential donor of organ and tissue
Z00.6	Encounter for examination for normal comparison and control in clinical research program
Z00.70	Encounter for examination for period of delayed growth in childhood without abnormal findings
Z00.71	Encounter for examination for period of delayed growth in childhood with abnormal findings
Z00.8	Encounter for other general examination
Z02.0	Encounter for examination for admission to educational institution
Z02.1	Encounter for pre-employment examination
Z02.2	Encounter for examination for admission to residential institution
Z02.3	Encounter for examination for recruitment to armed forces
Z02.4	Encounter for examination for driving license



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Code	Description
Z02.5	Encounter for examination for participation in sport
Z02.6	Encounter for examination for insurance purposes
Z02.71	Encounter for disability determination
Z02.79	Encounter for issue of other medical certificate
Z02.81	Encounter for paternity testing
Z02.82	Encounter for adoption services
Z02.83	Encounter for blood-alcohol and blood-drug test
Z02.89	Encounter for other administrative examinations
Z02.9	Encounter for administrative examinations, unspecified
Z04.6	Encounter for general psychiatric examination, requested by authority
Z04.81	Encounter for examination and observation of victim following forced sexual exploitation
Z04.82	Encounter for examination and observation of victim following forced labor exploitation
Z04.89	Encounter for examination and observation for other specified reasons
Z04.9	Encounter for examination and observation for unspecified reason
Z11.0	Encounter for screening for intestinal infectious diseases
Z11.1	Encounter for screening for respiratory tuberculosis
Z11.2	Encounter for screening for other bacterial diseases
Z11.3	Encounter for screening for infections with a predominantly sexual mode of transmission
Z11.4	Encounter for screening for human immunodeficiency virus [HIV]
Z11.51	Encounter for screening for human papillomavirus (HPV)
Z11.59	Encounter for screening for other viral diseases
Z11.6	Encounter for screening for other protozoal diseases and helminthiases
Z11.7	Encounter for testing for latent tuberculosis infection
Z11.8	Encounter for screening for other infectious and parasitic diseases
Z11.9	Encounter for screening for infectious and parasitic diseases, unspecified
Z12.0	Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of stomach

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Z12.10	Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of intestinal tract, unspecified
Z12.13	Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of small intestine
Z12.2	Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of respiratory organs
Z12.6	Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of bladder
Z12.71	Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of testis
Z12.72	Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of vagina
Z12.73	Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of ovary
Z12.79	Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of other genitourinary organs
Z12.81	Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of oral cavity
Z12.82	Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of nervous system
Z12.83	Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of skin
Z12.89	Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of other sites
Z12.9	Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm, site unspecified
Z13.0	Encounter for screening for diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune mechanism
Z13.21	Encounter for screening for nutritional disorder
Z13.220	Encounter for screening for lipid disorders
Z13.228	Encounter for screening for other metabolic disorders
Z13.29	Encounter for screening for other suspected endocrine disorder
Z13.30	Encounter for screening examination for mental health and behavioral disorders, unspecified
Z13.31	Encounter for screening for depression
Z13.32	Encounter for screening for maternal depression
Z13.39	Encounter for screening examination for other mental health and behavioral disorders
Z13.40	Encounter for screening for unspecified developmental delays
Z13.41	Encounter for autism screening
Z13.42	Encounter for screening for global developmental delays (milestones)
Z13.49	Encounter for screening for other developmental delays

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Code	Description
Z13.5	Encounter for screening for eye and ear disorders
Z13.71	Encounter for nonprocreative screening for genetic disease carrier status
Z13.79	Encounter for other screening for genetic and chromosomal anomalies
Z13.810	Encounter for screening for upper gastrointestinal disorder
Z13.811	Encounter for screening for lower gastrointestinal disorder
Z13.818	Encounter for screening for other digestive system disorders
Z13.820	Encounter for screening for osteoporosis
Z13.828	Encounter for screening for other musculoskeletal disorder
Z13.83	Encounter for screening for respiratory disorder NEC
Z13.84	Encounter for screening for dental disorders
Z13.850	Encounter for screening for traumatic brain injury
Z13.858	Encounter for screening for other nervous system disorders
Z13.88	Encounter for screening for disorder due to exposure to contaminants
Z13.89	Encounter for screening for other disorder
Z13.9	Encounter for screening, unspecified
Z36.0	Encounter for antenatal screening for chromosomal anomalies
Z36.1	Encounter for antenatal screening for raised alphafetoprotein level
Z36.2	Encounter for other antenatal screening follow-up
Z36.3	Encounter for antenatal screening for malformations
Z36.4	Encounter for antenatal screening for fetal growth retardation
Z36.5	Encounter for antenatal screening for isoimmunization
Z36.81	Encounter for antenatal screening for hydrops fetalis
Z36.82	Encounter for antenatal screening for nuchal translucency
Z36.83	Encounter for fetal screening for congenital cardiac abnormalities
Z36.84	Encounter for antenatal screening for fetal lung maturity
Z36.85	Encounter for antenatal screening for Streptococcus B
Z36.86	Encounter for antenatal screening for cervical length
Z36.87	Encounter for antenatal screening for uncertain dates

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Code	Description
Z36.88	Encounter for antenatal screening for fetal macrosomia
Z36.89	Encounter for other specified antenatal screening
Z36.8A	Encounter for antenatal screening for other genetic defects
Z36.9	Encounter for antenatal screening, unspecified
Z40.00	Encounter for prophylactic removal of unspecified organ
Z40.01	Encounter for prophylactic removal of breast
Z40.02	Encounter for prophylactic removal of ovary(s)
Z40.09	Encounter for prophylactic removal of other organ
Z40.8	Encounter for other prophylactic surgery
Z40.9	Encounter for prophylactic surgery, unspecified
Z41.1	Encounter for cosmetic surgery
Z41.2	Encounter for routine and ritual male circumcision
Z41.3	Encounter for ear piercing
Z41.8	Encounter for other procedures for purposes other than remedying health state
Z41.9	Encounter for procedure for purposes other than remedying health state, unspecified
Z46.1	Encounter for fitting and adjustment of hearing aid
Z56.0	Unemployment, unspecified
Z56.2	Threat of job loss
Z56.3	Stressful work schedule
Z56.4	Discord with boss and workmates
Z56.5	Uncongenial work environment
Z56.6	Other physical and mental strain related to work
Z56.81	Sexual harassment on the job
Z56.82	Military deployment status
Z56.89	Other problems related to employment
Z56.9	Unspecified problems related to employment
Z57.0	Occupational exposure to noise
Z57.1	Occupational exposure to radiation

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Code	Description
Z57.2	Occupational exposure to dust
Z57.31	Occupational exposure to environmental tobacco smoke
Z57.39	Occupational exposure to other air contaminants
Z57.4	Occupational exposure to toxic agents in agriculture
Z57.5	Occupational exposure to toxic agents in other industries
Z57.6	Occupational exposure to extreme temperature
Z57.7	Occupational exposure to vibration
Z57.8	Occupational exposure to other risk factors
Z57.9	Occupational exposure to unspecified risk factor
Z59.0	Homelessness
Z59.1	Inadequate housing
Z59.2	Discord with neighbors, lodgers and landlord
Z59.3	Problems related to living in residential institution
Z59.4	Lack of adequate food and safe drinking water
Z59.5	Extreme poverty
Z59.6	Low income
Z59.7	Insufficient social insurance and welfare support
Z59.8	Other problems related to housing and economic circumstances
Z59.9	Problem related to housing and economic circumstances, unspecified
Z60.2	Problems related to living alone
Z62.21	Child in welfare custody
Z71.0	Person encountering health services to consult on behalf of another person
Z74.1	Need for assistance with personal care
Z74.2	Need for assistance at home and no other household member able to render care
Z74.3	Need for continuous supervision
Z74.8	Other problems related to care provider dependency
Z74.9	Problem related to care provider dependency, unspecified
Z75.5	Holiday relief care

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Code	Description
Z76.0	Encounter for issue of repeat prescription
Z76.1	Encounter for health supervision and care of foundling
Z76.2	Encounter for health supervision and care of other healthy infant and child
Z76.3	Healthy person accompanying sick person
Z76.4	Other boarder to healthcare facility
Z76.81	Expectant parent(s) prebirth pediatrician visit
Z80.1	Family history of malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus and lung
Z80.2	Family history of malignant neoplasm of other respiratory and intrathoracic organs
Z80.49	Family history of malignant neoplasm of other genital organs
Z80.51	Family history of malignant neoplasm of kidney
Z80.52	Family history of malignant neoplasm of bladder
Z80.59	Family history of malignant neoplasm of other urinary tract organ
Z80.6	Family history of leukemia
Z80.7	Family history of other malignant neoplasms of lymphoid, hematopoietic and related tissues
Z80.8	Family history of malignant neoplasm of other organs or systems
Z80.9	Family history of malignant neoplasm, unspecified
Z81.0	Family history of intellectual disabilities
Z81.1	Family history of alcohol abuse and dependence
Z81.2	Family history of tobacco abuse and dependence
Z81.3	Family history of other psychoactive substance abuse and dependence
Z81.4	Family history of other substance abuse and dependence
Z81.8	Family history of other mental and behavioral disorders
Z82.0	Family history of epilepsy and other diseases of the nervous system
Z82.1	Family history of blindness and visual loss
Z82.2	Family history of deafness and hearing loss
Z82.3	Family history of stroke
Z82.41	Family history of sudden cardiac death

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Code	Description
Z82.49	Family history of ischemic heart disease and other diseases of the circulatory system
Z82.5	Family history of asthma and other chronic lower respiratory diseases
Z82.61	Family history of arthritis
Z82.62	Family history of osteoporosis
Z82.69	Family history of other diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue
Z82.71	Family history of polycystic kidney
Z82.79	Family history of other congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities
Z82.8	Family history of other disabilities and chronic diseases leading to disablement, not elsewhere classified
Z83.0	Family history of human immunodeficiency virus [HIV] disease
Z83.1	Family history of other infectious and parasitic diseases
Z83.2	Family history of diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune mechanism
Z83.3	Family history of diabetes mellitus
Z83.41	Family history of multiple endocrine neoplasia [MEN] syndrome
Z83.49	Family history of other endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases
Z83.511	Family history of glaucoma
Z83.518	Family history of other specified eye disorder
Z83.52	Family history of ear disorders
Z83.6	Family history of other diseases of the respiratory system
Z83.71	Family history of colonic polyps
Z83.79	Family history of other diseases of the digestive system
Z84.0	Family history of diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue
Z84.1	Family history of disorders of kidney and ureter
Z84.2	Family history of other diseases of the genitourinary system
Z84.3	Family history of consanguinity

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Code	Description
Z84.81	Family history of carrier of genetic disease
Z84.89	Family history of other specified conditions

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Reasons for Denial for All Lab NCDs

NOTE: This section includes CMS’s interpretation of its longstanding policies pertaining to nationally covered laboratory services, and is included for informational purposes.

- Tests for screening purposes that are performed in the absence of signs, symptoms, complaints, or personal history of disease or injury are not covered except as explicitly authorized by statute.
- Tests for administrative purposes, including exams required by insurance companies, business establishments, government agencies, or other third parties, are not covered.
- Tests that are not reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of an illness or injury are not covered by statute.
- Failure to provide documentation of the medical necessity of tests might result in denial of claims. The documentation may include notes documenting relevant signs, symptoms, or abnormal findings that substantiate the medical necessity for ordering the tests. In addition, failure to provide independent verification that the test was ordered by the treating physician (or qualified nonphysician practitioner) through documentation in the physician’s office might result in denial.
- A claim for a test for which there is a national coverage policy will be denied as not reasonable and necessary if the claim is submitted without an ICD-10-CM code or narrative diagnosis listed as covered in the policy unless other medical documentation justifying the necessity is submitted with the claim.
- If a national coverage policy identifies a frequency expectation, a claim for a test that exceeds that expectation may be denied as not reasonable and necessary, unless it is submitted with documentation justifying increased frequency.
- Tests that are not ordered by a treating physician or other qualified treating nonphysician practitioner acting within the scope of their license and in compliance with Medicare requirements will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.
- Failure of the clinical laboratory performing the test to have the appropriate Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) certificate will result in denial of claims.



Coding Guidelines for All Lab NCDs

1. On and after the implementation date for ICD-10-CM coding of Medicare billing claims, a claim for a clinical diagnostic laboratory service must include a valid ICD-10-CM diagnosis code. When a diagnosis has not been established by the physician, codes that describe symptoms and signs, as opposed to diagnoses, should be provided (see also bullet #5 below).

Please note that ICD-10-CM codes for diagnoses are not required (and will not be effective) for Medicare billing transactions prior to October 1, 2015. Please use ICD-9-CM codes for diagnoses prior to that date.

Please check the CMS website www.cms.gov/ICD10 for more information on the implementation of ICD-10-CM codes.
2. Medicare distinguishes ‘screening’ from ‘diagnostic uses’ of tests. ‘Screening’ is testing for disease or disease precursors so that early detection and treatment can be provided for those who test positive for the disease. Screening tests are performed when no specific sign, symptom, or diagnosis is present and the beneficiary has not been exposed to a disease.

In contrast, ‘diagnostic’ testing is testing to rule out or to confirm a suspected diagnosis because of a sign and/or symptom in the beneficiary. In these cases, the sign or symptom should be used to explain the reason for the test.

Some laboratory tests are covered by the Medicare program for screening purposes (for example, NCD # 210.1, Prostate Cancer Screening Tests). However, this manual focuses only on coding policies for diagnostic uses of laboratory services (for example, the test for prostate specific antigen (PSA)).
3. When the reason for performing a test is because the beneficiary has had contact with, or exposure to, a communicable disease, the appropriate code from category Z20, ‘Contact with or exposure to communicable diseases’, should be assigned. However, on review, the test might still be considered screening and not covered by Medicare.
4. All digits required by ICD-10-CM coding conventions must be used. A code is invalid if it has not been coded with all digits/characters required for that code.
5. The beneficiary’s condition(s) and/or diseases should be coded in ICD-10-CM to the highest degree of certainty for that encounter/visit, such as signs, symptoms, abnormal test results, or other reasons for the visit. When a non-specific ICD-10-CM code is submitted, the underlying sign, symptom, or condition must be related to the indications for the test.



Additional Coding Guideline(s)

Note: For any additional guideline(s) about ICD-10-CM coding for a specific diagnostic test service, please see the section “Limitations” in each NCD following the code list table.