

TO: UCDH PHYSICIANS

FROM: UCDH Clinical Laboratories

RE: OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, COMPLIANCE PLAN

As part of UCDH Clinical Laboratories' oversight plan for the Federal Office of Inspector General (OIG), we are required to annual notify all physicians of the following policies, developed to reflect government guidance:

- Medicare national and local medical review policies exist for certain lab tests. Specific information on National Coverage Determinations(NCDs) and Local Coverage Determinations(LCDs) can be found on the CMS website ([Medicare Coverage - General Information | CMS](#)), and through the local carrier, Noridian (<https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jea/policies>)
- Medicare and some other payers will not pay for screening tests if the patient displays no symptoms or evidence of disease and may not pay for tests that are not FDA approved or are experimental.
- Medi-Cal fees are equal to or lower than Medicare lab fees.
- All panels (organ and disease) will be billed and paid only when all components are medically necessary.
- UCDH Clinical Laboratories utilize reflex testing to validate primary test results or add additional testing when medically appropriate. A list of the reflex tests is reviewed/approved at least annually by Medical Staff Executive Committee and is available at <https://www.testmenu.com/ucdavis>.
- A current Medicare lab fee schedule with CPT (current protocol terminology) codes is available directly from CMS at the following website: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ClinicalLabFeeSched>

Material contained in this yearly notification is current as of the date published and is subject to change without notice. The OIG believes that a physician who orders medically unnecessary tests and knowingly causes a false claim to the submitted may be subject to sanctions or remedies under criminal or administrative law.

In addition, we are required by Audit Services to communicate to you the means by which you may report incidences of fraud, abuse, waste or misconduct. Reporting can be done by contacting the Systemwide Whistleblower Hotline at (800) 403-4744. For more information, go to <http://universityofcalifornia.edu/hotline>.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this memo, please contact Pathology Quality Assurance at hs-pathologyQA@ucdavis.edu