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**To:** Laboratories, billing providers, hospitals and ordering providers

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**Subject:** Changes to billable fee-for-service laboratory codes effective June 1, 2014

On April 23, 2014, the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) opened codes G0461 and G0462 with an effective date of 1/1/14. These codes will replace codes 88342 and 88343 starting June 1, 2014. We are writing to let you know how DMAP is transitioning to the new codes.

| Old code (not accepted after 5/31/2014)   | New code (accepted now)   |
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| 88342 - Immunohistochemistry or immunocytochemistry, each separately identifiable antibody per block, cytologic preparation, or hematologic smear; first separately identifiable antibody per slide   | G0461 - Immunohistochemistry or immunocytochemistry, per specimen; first single or multiplex antibody stain   |
| 88343 - Immunohistochemistry or immunocytochemistry, each separately identifiable antibody per block, cytologic preparation, or hematologic smear; each additional separately identifiable antibody per slide (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) | G0462 - Immunohistochemistry or immunocytochemistry, per specimen; each additional single or multiplex antibody stain (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure) |

### Why is this happening?

This change is to align with CMS’s National Physician’s Fee Schedule, which we have adopted for our RVU-based payments.

### What should you do?

Starting no later than June 1, 2014, please bill immunohistochemistry or immunocytochemistry lab services using G0461 and G0462. Services billed using 88342 and 88343 will deny on and after June 1.

Because the code definitions differ, this change may affect the number of units billed.

### Questions?

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