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Infectious Disease Tests

Test - Panels	CPT	2017 Fee	2018 Fee	2019 Fee	Change
Basic Metabolic Panel (9 tests)	80048/QW	\$11.60	\$10.44	\$9.40	-10%
Comprehensive Metabolic Panel (17 tests)	80053/QW	\$14.49	\$13.04	\$11.74	-10%
Electrolyte Panel (4 tests)	80051/QW	\$9.62	\$8.66	\$7.79	-10%
Hepatic Function Panel (10 tests)	80076	\$11.21	\$10.09	\$9.08	-10%
Lipid Panel (6 tests)	80061/QW	\$18.37	\$16.53	\$14.88	-10%
Renal Function Panel (12)	80069/QW	\$11.91	\$10.72	\$9.65	-10%

Cardiac/Liver/Other Tests					
Albumin (Serum)	82040/QW	\$6.79	\$6.11	\$5.50	-10%
Albumin (Urine)	82042/QW	\$7.10	\$7.78	\$7.78	0%
ALP	84075/QW	\$7.10	\$6.39	\$5.75	-10%
ALT	84460/QW	\$7.27	\$6.54	\$5.89	-10%
Aspirin Therapy	85576/QW	\$29.47	\$26.52	\$24.91	-6%
AST	84450/QW	\$7.10	\$6.39	\$5.75	-10%
Bilirubin, direct	82248	\$6.88	\$6.19	\$5.57	-10%
Bilirubin, total	82247/QW	\$6.88	\$6.19	\$5.57	-10%
BNP	83880/QW	\$46.56	\$41.90	\$39.26	-6%
CK,MB	82553	\$15.84	\$14.26	\$12.83	-10%
CK/CPK	82550/QW	\$8.93	\$8.04	\$7.23	-10%
GGT	82977/QW	\$9.88	\$8.89	\$8.00	-10%
LD	83615	\$8.28	\$7.45	\$6.71	-10%
Microalbumin (Quantitative)	82043/QW	\$7.93	\$7.14	\$6.42	-10%
Microalbumin (Semi-quantitative)	82044/QW	\$6.28	\$6.23	\$6.23	0%
Total Protein	84155/QW	\$5.03	\$4.53	\$4.07	-10%
Troponin I	84484/QW	\$13.50	\$12.47	\$12.47	0%

Lipid Tests					
HDL	83718/QW	\$11.24	\$10.12	\$9.10	-10%
LDL	83721/QW	\$13.09	\$11.78	\$10.60	-10%
Lp(a) Apolipoprotein	82172	\$21.26	\$21.09	\$21.09	0%
Total Cholesterol	82465/QW	\$5.97	\$5.37	\$4.84	-10%
Triglycerides	84478/QW	\$7.88	\$7.09	\$6.38	-10%

Diabetes Tests					
Fructosamine	82985/QW	\$20.68	\$18.61	\$16.76	-10%
Glucose on home use meter-type device	82962	\$3.21	\$3.28	\$3.28	0%
Glucose Tolerance Test, each additional specimen > 3	82952/QW	\$5.38	\$4.84	\$4.36	-10%
Glucose Tolerance Test, initial 3 specimens	82951/QW	\$17.66	\$15.89	\$14.30	-10%
Glucose, quantitative blood type	82947/QW	\$5.39	\$4.85	\$4.37	-10%
Hemoglobin A1c	83036/QW	\$13.32	\$11.99	\$10.79	-10%

Renal Function Tests					
BUN	84520/QW	\$5.42	\$4.88	\$4.39	-10%
Creatinine	82565/QW	\$7.03	\$6.33	\$5.69	-10%
Creatinine (Urine)	82570/QW	\$7.10	\$6.39	\$5.75	-10%



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Individual Tests					
Amylase	82150/QW	\$8.89	\$8.00	\$7.20	-10%
Calcium	82310/QW	\$7.08	\$6.37	\$5.73	-10%
Ferritin	82728	\$18.70	\$16.83	\$15.15	-10%
Iron	83540	\$8.88	\$7.99	\$7.19	-10%
Magnesium	83735	\$9.19	\$8.27	\$7.44	-10%
Phosphorous	84100	\$6.50	\$5.85	\$5.27	-10%
Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA)	84153	\$25.23	\$22.71	\$20.44	-10%
TIBC	83550	\$11.99	\$10.79	\$9.71	-10%
Troponin T	84512	\$10.56	\$10.09	\$10.09	0%
Uric Acid	84550/QW	\$6.20	\$5.58	\$5.02	-10%
Lead	83655/QW	\$16.61	\$14.95	\$13.45	-10%
Vitamin D	82306	\$40.61	\$36.55	\$32.89	-10%

Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Tests					
Theophylline	80198	\$19.40	\$17.46	\$15.71	-10%
Digoxin	80162	\$18.21	\$16.39	\$14.75	-10%
Lithium	80178/QW	\$9.07	\$8.16	\$7.35	-10%

Drug of Abuse Screening (Visual Qualitative)					
Drugs of Abuse (per screen - 1 test or 10 tests)	80305/QW	\$14.96	\$13.46	\$12.60	-6%

Thyroid Tests					
TSH	84443/QW	\$23.05	\$20.75	\$18.67	-10%
Thyroxine, total	84436	\$9.42	\$8.48	\$7.63	-10%
T3 Uptake	84479	\$8.87	\$7.98	\$7.18	-10%

Pregnancy Tests					
hCG (Qualitative Serum Combo)	84703/QW	\$10.32	\$9.29	\$8.36	-10%

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candida, DNA Direct Probe	87480	\$27.51	\$24.76	\$22.28	-10%
Cervical/Urethral, culture for N. gonorrhoeae	87081	\$9.09	\$8.18	\$7.36	-10%
gardnerella, DNA Direct Probe	87510	\$27.51	\$24.76	\$22.28	-10%
trichomonas, DNA Direct Probe	87797	\$27.51	\$30.03	\$30.03	0%
Chlamydia	87810	\$16.44	\$35.29	\$35.29	0%
H. pylori	86318/QW	\$17.76	\$18.09	\$18.09	0%
Hepatitis C	86303/QW	\$19.57	UNK	\$15.85	-10%
Herpes	86694	\$19.74	\$17.77	\$15.99	-10%
Influenza A&B	87804/QW	\$16.44	\$16.55	\$16.55	0%
Influenza A&B (Molecular)	87502/QW	\$116.73	\$105.06	\$95.80	-9%
Lyme Disease	86618/QW	\$23.36	\$21.02	\$18.92	-10%
Mononucleosis	86308/QW	\$7.10	\$6.39	\$5.75	-10%
Rheumatoid Factor	86430	\$7.78	\$7.00	\$6.30	-10%
RSV	87807/QW	\$16.44	\$14.80	\$13.32	-10%
Strep A	87880/QW	\$16.44	\$16.53	\$16.53	0%
Syphilis	86592	\$5.86	\$5.27	\$4.75	-10%

Infections					
Urine Screen, non-culture kit	81007/QW	\$3.52	\$29.98	\$29.95	0%
Urine, colony count	87086	\$11.07	\$9.96	\$8.97	-10%
Urine, presumptive identification of bacteria	87088	\$11.10	\$9.99	\$8.99	-10%
Urine, antibiotic susceptibility test	87184	\$9.46	\$8.51	\$7.66	-10%



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Urinalysis/Microscopic/Miscellaneous Tests

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Semen Analysis	89300	\$12.25	\$11.03	\$9.92	-10%
Strip Urine Tests, manual w/out microscopy	81002	\$3.50	\$3.48	\$3.48	0%
Strip Urine Tests, manual w/ microscopy	81000	\$4.35	\$4.02	\$4.02	0%
Strip Urine Tests, automated w/out microscopy	81003	\$3.08	\$2.77	\$2.49	-10%
Strip Urine Tests, automated w/ microscopy	81001	\$4.35	\$3.92	\$3.52	-10%

Vaginal/Other					
BTA Stat (Bladder Cancer)	86294/QW	\$26.92	\$25.57	\$25.57	0%
Fecal Occult Blood Test	82270	\$4.46	\$4.38	\$4.38	0%
Bacterial Vaginosis	87905/QW	\$16.76	\$15.08	\$13.58	-10%
Immunochemical Fecal Occult Blood Test (iFOBT)	82274/QW & G0328/QW	\$21.82	\$19.64	\$17.67	-10%
Trichomonas	87808/QW	\$16.44	\$15.29	\$15.29	0%
Wet/KOH Prep (for yeast, bacteria, cells, etc.)	87210/QW	\$5.86	\$5.82	\$5.82	0%

Hematology Tests

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Complete Blood Count (including WBC differential & platelet count)	85025	\$10.66	\$9.59	\$8.63	-10%
Hemoglobin	85018/QW	\$3.25	\$2.93	\$2.63	-10%
Hematocrit	85014/QW	\$3.25	\$2.93	\$2.63	-10%
Prothrombin Time (PT)	85610/QW	\$5.39	\$4.85	\$4.37	-10%
Activated Partial Thromboplastin (APTT)	85730	\$8.24	\$7.42	\$6.67	-10%
Reticulocyte Count, manual	85044	\$5.91	\$5.32	\$4.79	-10%
Sedimentation Rate, manual	85651	\$4.87	\$4.38	\$4.27	-3%
Sedimentation Rate, automated	85652	\$3.70	\$3.33	\$3.00	-10%

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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued the final clinical lab fee schedule reimbursement figures under the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA); the new reimbursement guidelines will go into effect January 1, 2018.

Please see both the attached Clinical Lab Testing & CPT Codes on the more popular tests and the entire CMS reimbursement schedule by CPT Code downloaded from their website. In summary, reimbursements can be reduced by as much as 10% per year 2017-2019 and 15% per year 2020-2022 which could effectively reduce reimbursements by as much as 50% in 5 years. Most of the tests saw 10% reductions for year one; however, Strep A and FLU went up by 1%.

In any event, this will surely have a negative impact on the physician office labs that receive significant portions of their revenue from Medicare and traditionally run higher volume point-of-care (POC) testing.

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