Coding Guidelines

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1. For the services addressed in this LCD, list the appropriate procedure code to indicate the service provided.

2. List the appropriate ICD-9-CM code (to the highest level of specificity) to indicate the reason for the service.

3. CPT codes 88230-88289 include a technical but not a professional component. Thus, the pathologist that interprets and reports the results may bill code 88291 in addition to the other codes.

4. ICD-9-CM V49.89, OTHER SPECIFIED CONDITIONS INFLUENCING HEALTH STATUS is to be used as a secondary diagnosis, in addition to the appropriate primary diagnosis coding, **only** in cases when repeat testing is believed to be medically reasonable and necessary.