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## Comments and Responses Regarding Draft Local Coverage Determination: Acid Phosphatase

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As an important part of Medicare Local Coverage Determination (LCD) development, National Government Services solicits comments from the provider community and from members of the public who may be affected by or interested in our LCDs. The purpose of the advice and comment process is to gain the expertise and experience of those commenting.

We would like to thank those who suggested changes to the draft **Acid Phosphatase** LCD. The official notice period for the final LCD begins on October 1, 2007, and the final determination will become effective on December 1, 2007.

*Comment:* An independent commercial laboratory commented that the policy seems reasonable.

*Response:* We appreciate the review of the LCD and the comment.

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*Comment:* The hematology-oncology CAC representative stated that tartrate resistant acid phosphatase and acid phosphatase stains of peripheral blood and bone marrow cells are a standard part of the evaluation for hairy cell and ALL and should be included. He submitted articles in support.

*Response:* As discussed at the NY/NJ CAC meeting, the comment refers to tissue staining rather than the blood test identified in the LCD. The commenter agreed and withdrew the comment.