



Date: March 4, 2010
To: Clients of Hagerstown Medical Laboratory
From: Hagerstown Medical Laboratory Patient Accounts
Subject: ICD-9 Codes with Orders

The purpose of this memo is to inform your office of some ICD-9 coding changes that became effective 01/01/2010.

The following codes are no longer valid as the primary diagnosis:

- V58.61 Long term use of anticoagulants
- V58.62 Long term use of antibiotics
- V58.63 Long term use of antiplatelets/antithrombotics
- V58.64 Long term use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatories
- V58.65 Long term use of steroids
- V58.66 Long term use of aspirin
- V58.67 Long term use of insulin
- V58.69 Long term use of other medications

When using one of the above, you must now provide the code representing the reason the patient is on the long-term drug therapy.

This is not an exhaustive list of affected diagnoses. Please review the 2010 ICD-9 codebook for additional changes.

If an order is received without appropriate diagnostic information, we will need to contact your office to obtain the information necessary to file a claim.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Wendy Ebersole, Patient Account Supervisor at 301-665-4979.