

Bulletin



Bulletin Number 4409	Date March 8, 2004	Direct inquiries to Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Processing Office (address below)
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Subject: CHANGES TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS FOR LABORATORY SERVICES OF APRIL 1, 1999, TOGETHER WITH THE ADDENDUM DATED APRIL 1, 2001.

BACKGROUND:

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ontario Association of Medical Laboratories have agreed to the following changes to the Schedule of Benefits for Laboratory Services:

- a) reductions in LMS unit values for specified tests effective April 1, 2004 for the purpose of reducing the laboratories' total gross billings by \$10.6 million in 2004/05.
- b) increases in LMS unit values for specified tests effective April 1, 2004 to adjust for previous reductions which exceeded the agreed upon target.

This Bulletin provides details of these changes to the Schedule of Laboratory Benefits. Also attached is a copy of the Addendum dated April 1, 2004 to the Schedule of Benefits for Laboratory Services.

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BILLINGS CHANGES

A. LMS UNIT CHANGES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2004

Effective **April 1, 2004** the LMS units for the following test codes have been revised as follows:

F.S. CODE	DESCRIPTION	OLD LMS UNITS	NEW LMS UNITS
L093	Glycosylated Haemoglobin - HgbA1	22	21
L117	High density lipoprotein cholesterol	18	17
L139	Iron,total- with iron binding capacity and per cent saturation- not to be claimed with L329	34	29
L309	Folate in red cells, to include hematocrit and if requested, serum folate	50	45
L315	FHS (pituitary gonadotrophins)	18	22
L329	Ferritin	18	20
L334	IgE – not to be billed with RAST test	18	24
L341	TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone)	18	19
L393	Complete Blood Count (any method, see Preamble paragraph 14)	15	13
L544	Antinuclear Fluorescent Antibody	24	26

SYSTEM CHANGES

System changes have been made to the Medical Claims Payment system to revise the LMS units for the specified tests effective April 1, 2004.

Attachment: Addendum dated April 1, 2004 to the Schedule of Benefits for Laboratory Services.