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# Montana Health Care Programs Notice

## Laboratory and Hospital

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### Molecular Pathology Procedure Codes

Montana Medicaid has priced molecular pathology procedure codes using the national Medicare Clinical Laboratory fee schedule. Many tests comprise several units for each of a number of stacked procedure codes. These stacked procedure codes were replaced in calendar year 2013 by new molecular pathology procedure (MPP) codes in the range 81161–81599.

For calendar year 2013 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires Medicare contractors to use the gap-fill method to set fees for these MPP codes. This requires them to set fees based on local pricing patterns, i.e., charges for tests; discounts on charges; required resources; payment amounts determined by other payers; and charges, resources, and payment amounts for tests that may be comparable. They are not allowed to crosswalk stacked procedure codes to MPP codes. CMS is expected to gather information from their contractors and set national reimbursement rates for MPP codes for calendar year 2014.

Pricing information from Medicare contractors has been unavailable and inconsistent. Without accurate pricing information available, Montana Medicaid has been unable to set fees for these MPP codes. Therefore, we ask providers to mail crosswalks that map stacked procedure codes to MPP codes to Montana Medicaid. This will allow Montana Medicaid to set fees for MPP codes, if appropriate.

### Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Wallace at (406) 444-5778 or [bwallace@mt.gov](mailto:bwallace@mt.gov).

Crosswalks can be mailed to:

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For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations at 1-800-624-3958 (toll-free, in/out of state) or (406) 442-1837 (Helena) or via e-mail at [MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com](mailto:MTPRHelpdesk@xerox.com).

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