
CMS Manual System

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I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Medicare coverage is being expanded for screening for early detection of colorectal cancer by adding an additional fecal occult blood test (iFOBT, immunoassay-based) that can be used as an alternative to the existing gFOBT, guaiac-based test. Medicare coverage continues to allow for one FOBT per year for beneficiaries aged 50 and over.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL –

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2004

***IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** January 5, 2004 (for coverage & HCPCS codes)

***IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** April 5, 2004 (for frequency edits only)

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED)

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
R	15 - Table of Contents/Covered Medical and Other Health Services
R	15/280.2.1 – Covered Services and HCPCS Codes
R	15/280.2.2 – Coverage Criteria

*III. FUNDING:

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

X	Business Requirements
X	Manual Instruction
	Confidential Requirements
	One-Time Notification
	Recurring Update Notification

*Medicare contractors only