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## CMQ00-007

### Revised Guideline: Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate

#### *Minute of Commission #00-038*

#### **Approval of Revised Protocol: *Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate***

Pursuant to Section 5(1)(c), 24(1), and Section 37 of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the following protocol will apply with respect to the Medical Services Commission *Payment Schedule*:

*Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate*, appended.\*

This protocol supersedes the previous protocol for *Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate* for that was effective October 1, 1999.

This protocol will be used in the determination of benefits payable under the *Medicare Protection Act*.

Effective July 1, 2000

\* Protocol distributed June 2000

## CMQ00-008

### Protocol: Office and Laboratory Management of Genital Specimens

#### *Minute of Commission #00-045*

#### **Approval of Protocol: *Office and Laboratory Management of Genital Specimens***

Pursuant to Section 5(1)(c), 24(1), and Section 37(5) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the following protocol will apply with respect to the Medical Services Commission *Payment Schedule*:

*Office and Laboratory Management of Genital Specimens*, appended.\*

This protocol will be used in the determination of benefits payable under the *Medicare Protection Act*.

Effective August 1, 2000

\* Protocol distributed July 2000

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**Correction to Minute of  
Commission 00-027**

***Minute of Commission #00-048***

The effective date of Commission Minute 00-027, Approval of Revised Guideline: *Assessment of Management of Obstructive Sleep Apnea*, is incorrect. The effective date should read:

November 18, 1999

**CMQ00-010**

**Amendment to MSC  
Payment Schedule –  
General Practice**

***Minute of Commission #00-054***

**Section of General Practice**

In accordance with Section 26(3) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the following modifications to the Payment Schedule have been approved by the Medical Services Commission, effective September 1, 2000.

**Amendments:**

Effective September 1, 2000 the age component of the definitions of General Practice fee items 00110, 00101, 13201, 00100, 13200, 00120 and 13220 are amended to read **“age 0 – 69”**.

Effective September 1, 2000 the age component of the definitions of General Practice fee items 13110, 13101, 13301, 13100, 13300, 13120 and 13320 are to be amended to read **“age 70 and over”**.