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Dear Sanford Laboratories Clients,

Enclosed is the 2008 third quarter updates—**Update #5**—to Sanford Laboratories *Limited Coverage GUIDEBOOK of Covered Signs, Symptoms, Diagnoses, & ICD-9-CM Codes* (pink cover). The information is updated quarterly to provide you with the current information necessary **to determine when an ABN must be signed for those tests that are sent to Sanford Laboratories, and that are billed directly to Medicare by Sanford Laboratories.**

- The nine tests affected by the updates are *italicized* in the Table of Contents and are *effective July 1, 2008*
  - Acute Hepatitis Panel
  - Blood Counts
  - Gamma Glutamyltransferase
  - Glycated Hemoglobin/Protein
  - HIV Testing, Diagnosis
  - Iron Studies
  - Occult Blood/Feces, Diagnostic
  - Prothrombin Time
  - Thyroid Testing
- Please replace the updated NCD policies in your *GUIDEBOOK*. Updates to the NCD policies are asterisked (\*) for easy recognition. Replace the existing NCD policies in your *GUIDEBOOK* with the enclosed updates.
- Please make additional copies of the *GUIDEBOOK* as needed. If you do not have a copy of the *GUIDEBOOK*, please call Sanford Laboratories' Supplies Department:
  - Sioux Falls:* 605-328-5466 or 800-522-2561, ext. 85466
  - Rapid City:* 605-716-0361 or 800-557-4893
- Up-to-date *GUIDEBOOK* information is also available on our Web site at [www.sanfordlaboratories.org](http://www.sanfordlaboratories.org) (go to the sidebar "Guidebook of NCDs & LCDs"). For your convenience, the entire current *GUIDEBOOK* is available in PDF format for downloading and printing.

If you have questions about this information, please contact your Sanford Laboratories Consulting Technologist or Client Support:

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As always, we appreciate your compliance with ongoing changes in the Medicare requirements.

Sincerely,

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