



**To:** Transfusion Services Managers  
**From:** Hospital Relations  
**Date:** December 13, 2019  
**Re:** 2020 Laboratory Services

As you have received and reviewed the Laboratory Services fee schedule effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, we wanted to provide additional details regarding some of the upcoming changes.

B2008, “86860-Antibody elution prep (RBC) each,” will now include both the elution and screen testing charge.

Historically, we have charged separately for ABO/Rh discrepancy testing, B2070 and B2071 respectively. New in 2020, B2070 includes both ABO (86900) and Rh (86901) typing while terminating the use of B2071.

Historically, B2017 – B2026, “86902 Blood typing, RBC antigens (each)” was used to bill for antigen negative donor red cell units. In 2020, to better align expenses associated with the commonality of antigens, a tiered pricing model will be applied – Tier 1, Tier2 and Tier 3. Please see the table below for a list of antigens included in each tier.

Tier 1 Antigens	Tier 2 Antigens	Tier 3 Antigens
C, c, E, K, M, N	JK <sup>a</sup> , JK <sup>b</sup> , Fy <sup>a</sup> , Di <sup>a</sup> , Kp <sup>a</sup> , e, Le <sup>a</sup> , Le <sup>b</sup> , P1	Fy <sup>b</sup> , Lu <sup>b</sup> , Kp <sup>b</sup> , S, s, Cw, k, Wr <sup>a</sup> , high prevalence

Additionally, you may have noticed that the fee schedule description for the antigen tier pricing, included 86905 as the applicable CPT<sup>®</sup> code; however, please note that this is incorrect. The applicable CPT<sup>®</sup> code remains unchanged (86902) from previous years and should not be updated to 86905.

Other new billing codes for 2020 include:  
B5039 – Donath Landsteiner and Thermal amplitude \$400  
B7950 – STAT reference testing fee \$35

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.