## **CPT Statement**

## **CPT Codes**

The CPT codes included in this publication are in accordance with Current Procedural Terminology, a publication of the American Medical Association. CPT codes are provided here for the convenience of our clients; however, correct coding often varies from one carrier to another, and CompuNet may bill specific carriers using codes other than those shown. Clients who bill for services should verify the code(s) with the applicable payer to confirm that their use is appropriate in each case.

## **Profile Policy**

CompuNet's policy is to provide physicians with the flexibility to choose appropriate tests for the individual patient, including the convenience of ordering test combinations/profiles. This flexibility does not distance physicians from making deliberate decisions regarding which tests are medically necessary. In addition, the physician should only order those tests that he or she believes are medically necessary for each patient, and a lesser inclusive profile or individual tests should be ordered if not all tests in the test combination/profile are medically necessary.

All tests offered in test combinations/profiles may be ordered separately using the CompuNet test request form, Atlas or clients EMR.

## As a reminder:

- (1) when ordering tests for which Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement is sought, the physician should only order those tests that the physician believes are medically necessary for each patient.
- (2) using a customized profile may result in ordering tests for which Medicare or Medicaid will deny payment.
- (3) the physician should only order individual tests or a less inclusive profile where not all the tests in the customized test combination/profile are medically necessary for an individual patient.
- (4) the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, takes the position that a physician who orders medically unnecessary tests may be subject to civil penalties.