

## **Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert**

### **HIV "high risk" factors:**

- Men who have had sex with men after 1975
- Men and women having unprotected sex with multiple [more than one] partners
- Past or present injection drug users
- Men and women who exchange sex for money or drugs, or have sex partners who do
- Individuals whose past or present sex partners were HIV-infected, bisexual, or injection drug users
- Persons being treated for sexually transmitted diseases
- Persons with a history of blood transfusion between 1978 and 1985
- Persons who request an HIV test despite reporting no individual risk factors, since this group is likely to include individuals not willing to disclose high-risk behaviors.

Source: CMS's Decision Memo on HIV screening, available at [www.cms.gov/mc/viewdecisionmemo.asp?id=229](http://www.cms.gov/mc/viewdecisionmemo.asp?id=229).