

billing, or not to pass CPT codes. If CPT codes will not be passed, the visit created in PCC will be a Historical or Event Type visit and will not appear on the VRR Reports. If CPT Codes will be passed, the visits created by the interface will be Ambulatory. These visits will normally be merged with the actual provider visit. This can be accomplished in four separate ways:

1. If the lab visit has already been created at the time the PCC or Superbill is entered, the existing lab visit is displayed and should be modified with additional data.
2. Via the APCD Visit Relinker if it has been scheduled to run every night.
3. Using the PCC Menu option to merge visits on the same date.
4. There is also an option called Orphan Lab Relinker in the PCC Supervisor's Menu. This option can be run prior to export each month to complete lab visits with no primary provider and no purpose of visit. When running this option, a generic Lab Technician is assigned to any unlinked visits as primary provider and a purpose of visit of V72.6 is assigned. Note that the generic provider, TECHNICIAN,LAB must exist as a provider to run this option. In addition, the relinker should only be run for the date ranges when all PCC Data Entry has been completed.

15.1.4 Third Party Billing

If the field, PASS CPT CODES?., has been set to YES in the BLR REFERENCE LAB file, CPT codes will be picked up for each billable Reference Laboratory test and passed to PCC using the transaction for that test in the IHS LAB TRANSACTION file. In addition, the visits created by the interface will be Ambulatory type visits. To accomplish this, an entry must be made for each billable test in the IHS LAB CPT CODE file, with an appropriate pointer to the Panel or Test name in the Laboratory Test file and the appropriate CPT code and modifier.

If the patient for whom the test has been performed has a third party payer, the test(s) and CPT code for those test(s) will be pulled onto page 8E of the claim when the claim generator is run.

15.1.5 Setting up BLR Reference Lab File to Pass CPT Codes

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BLR  IHS Lab Main Support Menu
      REFL Reference Lab Main Menu
      SIT Reference Lab Site Parameter Add/Edit

REFERENCE LAB NAME: QUEST
REFERENCE LAB NAME: QUEST//
EXPORT DIRECTORY: /m/reflab/reflabout/  Replace
SENDING MACHINE IP ADDRESS:
FTP USER ID:
FTP PASSWORD:
ORDER(S) FILE NAME PREFIX: TDA//
RESULT(S) FILE NAME PREFIX: dal//
HL7 IMPORT FILE FORMAT: CARRIAGE RETURN/LINE FEED
//
STORAGE DIRECTORY: /m/reflab/reflabsave/  Replace
IMPORT DIRECTORY: /m/reflab/reflabin//
BIDIRECTIONAL/UNIDIRECTIONAL: UNIDIRECTIONAL//
HOLD LABS FOR VERIFICATION: YES//
DAYS TO KEEP ORD/RES FILE(S): 30//
CLIENT NUMBER: 46563//
DEVICE FOR SHIPPING MANIFEST:
DEFAULT ORDERING LOCATION: TEST HEALTH CLINIC//
PASS CPT CODES ?: YES// === Pass CPT Codes for third party billing
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Figure 15-3: Pass CPT Codes