

<b>CMS Manual System</b>	<b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>
<b>Pub 100-20 One-Time Notification</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
<b>Transmittal 1753</b>	<b>Date: November 17, 2016</b>
	<b>Change Request 9751</b>

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**SUBJECT: Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determination (NCDs)**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** This change request (CR) is the 9th maintenance update of ICD-10 conversions and other coding updates specific to national coverage determinations (NCDs). The majority of the NCDs included are a result of feedback received from previous ICD-10 NCD CR7818, CR8109, CR8197, CR8691, CR9087, CR9252, CR9540, and CR9631. Some are the result of revisions required to other NCD-related CRs released separately.

Edits to ICD-10 and other coding updates specific to NCDs will be included in subsequent, quarterly releases as needed. No policy-related changes are included with these updates. Any policy-related changes to NCDs continue to be implemented via the current, long-standing NCD process.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2017 - Unless otherwise noted**  
*\*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 3, 2017**

*Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.*

**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated)  
R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

<b>R/N/D</b>	<b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b>
N/A	N/A

**III. FUNDING:**

**For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):**

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions

regarding continued performance requirements.

#### **IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

##### **One Time Notification**

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

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**B. Policy:** Edits to ICD-10 and other coding updates specific to NCDs will be included in subsequent, quarterly releases as needed. No policy-related changes are included with these updates. Any policy-related changes to NCDs continue to be implemented via the current, long-standing NCD process. Please follow the link below for the NCD spreadsheets included with this CR:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coverage/DeterminationProcess/downloads/CR9751.zip>

**CLARIFICATION:** Coding (as well as payment) are separate and distinct areas of the Medicare Program from coverage policy/criteria. Revisions to codes within an NCD are carefully and thoroughly reviewed and vetted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and are not intended to change the original intent of the NCD. The exception to this is when coding revisions are released as official implementation of new or reconsidered NCD policy following a formal national coverage analysis.

**NOTE:** The translations from ICD-9 to ICD-10 are not consistent 1-1 matches, nor are all ICD-10 codes appearing in a complete GEMS mapping guide or other mapping guides appropriate when reviewed against individual NCD policies. In addition, for those policies that expressly allow Medicare Administrative Contractor discretion, there may be changes to those NCDs based on current review of those NCDs against ICD-10 coding. For these reasons, there may be certain ICD-9 codes that were once considered appropriate prior to ICD-10 implementation that are no longer considered acceptable.

**NOTE/CLARIFICATION:** A/B MACs shall complete all tasks that involve updates to local system edits/tables associated with the attached NCDs in this CR.

**NOTE/CLARIFICATION:** A/B MACs shall use default CAQH CORE messages where appropriate: RARC N386 with CARC 50, 96, and/or 119. See latest CAQH CORE update. When denying claims associated with the attached NCDs, except where otherwise indicated, A/B MACs shall use:

Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial responsibility to the beneficiary (if a claim is received with occurrence code 32, or with occurrence code 32 and a GA modifier, indicating a signed ABN

is on file).

Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider (if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file). For modifier GZ, use CARC 50 and MSN 8.81 per instructions in CR 7228/TR 2148.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility									
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other	
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F		
9751.1	<p>NCD260.1 Adult Liver Transplants</p> <p>Contractors shall update their local edits and shared edits to reflect the additional diagnoses codes in the spreadsheet categorized as nationally covered, nationally non-covered, and discretionary effective 10/1/15.</p> <p>FISS will develop a new reason code to replace local edits to assign when one of the discretionary diagnosis codes are present. Consistency edit RC 32918 will be modified to remove dx check and check for provider liver transplant certification when procedure codes approved for liver transplants are present.</p> <p>MCS will revise edits to assign when discretionary codes are present.</p> <p>Contractors shall ensure that FISS RCs 59101, 59102, 32918, MCS edit 026L are reactivated effective with implementation of this CR9751.</p>	X	X			X	X				
9751.2	<p>NCD190.3 Cytogenetic Studies</p> <p>Contractors shall update their local and shared edits to include the additional discretionary diagnoses codes in the spreadsheet effective 10/1/15.</p> <p>FISS will develop a new reason code to replace local edits to assign when one of the discretionary diagnosis codes are present.</p> <p>MCS will revise edits to assign when discretionary codes are present.</p>	X	X			X	X				



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		A/B MAC		H H H	D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				
		A	B			F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	Contractors shall update CARC/RARC messages as indicated in spreadsheet to adhere to CORE.									
9751.6	NCD20.33 Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair (TMVR) Therapy  Contractors shall add to their local and shared edits 10 new 2017 PCS codes effective 10/1/16.  Contractors shall update CARC/RARC messages as indicated in spreadsheet to adhere to CORE.	X				X				
9751.7	NCD20.7 Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty (PTA)  Contractors shall add to their local and shared edits 210 new 2017 PCS codes effective 10/1/16 as reflected in the spreadsheet.  Contractors shall be aware that 51 procedure codes were removed from the policy effective 10/1/15 with CR9631.	X				X				
9751.8	NCD180.1 Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT)  Contractors shall remove HCPCS G0108, G0109 from local and shared edits FISS RCs 59148 & 59149, MCS edit 038L effective 1/1/16 as reflected in the spreadsheet.  Contractors shall reactivate FISS RCs 59148 & 59149, MCS edit 038L effective with implementation of this CR9751.	X	X			X	X			
9751.9	NCD40.1 Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT)  Contractors shall revise their messaging to comply with CORE as reflected in the spreadsheet.  Contractors shall remove 18 diagnoses codes from their local and shared edits as reflected in the spreadsheet effective 1/1/17 (R73.09, Z71.3, Z86.32, E83.110, E83.39, NOC codes O24.911, O24.912, O24.913, O24.919, O24.93, O24.311, O24.312, O24.313, O24.319, O24.33, P70.0, P70.1, P70.2) . MCS edit 038L, FISS RCs 59126, 59127, 59128,	X	X			X	X			

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		A/B MAC		D M E	Shared- System Maintainers				Other		
		A	B		H H H	M A C	F I S S	M C S		V M S	C W F
	59129, 59130, 59131, 59132, 59133.										
9751.10	<p>NCD230.18 Sacral Nerve Stimulation (SNS) for Urinary Incontinence</p> <p>Contractors shall remove CPT codes 95974 and 95975 (cranial nerves) from local edits and NCD as reflected in spreadsheet effective 10/1/15.</p> <p>Contractors shall update CARC/RARC messages as indicated in spreadsheet to adhere to CORE.</p>	X									
9751.11	<p>NCD160.18 Vagus Nerve Stimulation (VNS)</p> <p>Contractors shall ensure that HCPCS programming codes 95970, 95971, 95978, 95979, and CPT 61867, 61868, 61886, 61888, 64553 are removed from FISS RCs 59039, 59040, 59041, 59042, 59043, 59044, MCS edit 012L effective 7/1/16 per instructions in CR9540 and as reflected in spreadsheets.</p> <p>Contractors shall ensure that FISS RCs 59039, 59040, 59041, 59042, 59043, 59044 are reactivated with the implementation of this CR9751.</p>	X	X			X	X				
9751.12	<p>A/B MACs shall use default CAQH CORE messages where appropriate: RARC N386 with CARC 50, 96, and/or 119. See latest CAQH CORE update. When denying claims associated with the attached NCDs, except where otherwise indicated, A/B MACs shall use:</p> <p>Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial responsibility to the beneficiary (if a claim is received with occurrence code 32, or with occurrence code 32 and a GA modifier, indicating a signed ABN is on file).</p> <p>Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider (if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file). For modifier GZ, use CARC 50 and MSN 8.81 per instructions in CR 7228/TR 2148.</p>	X	X								
9751.13	Contractors shall attend up to three 1-hour calls to conduct analysis and explore options to implement the outstanding edits associated with CR9403 HIV	X	X			X	X		X		

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		A/B MAC		H H H	D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers			Other
		A	B			F I S S	M C S	V M S	
	screening. The scheduling of the calls will occur after the CR has been Issued.								
9751.14	Contractors shall adjust any claims processed in error associated with CR9751 that are brought to their attention.	X	X						

**III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE**

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC		H H H	D M E M A C	C E D I
		A	B			
9751.15	MLN Article: A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at <a href="http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/">http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/</a> shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within 5 business days after receipt of the notification from CMS announcing the availability of the article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	X	X			

**IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A**

*"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
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**Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A**

**V. CONTACTS**



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**Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

## **VI. FUNDING**

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