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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
Coverage and Analysis Group

RE: National Coverage Determination (NCD) policies

Sirs;

I am writing with reference to NCD policy # 190.31, Prostate Specific Antigen.

I have reviewed the ICD-9-CM approved list for this NCD and discovered that diagnosis code **600.00** (benign prostatic hypertrophy without urinary retention) is not listed as an approved diagnosis.

We are requesting that this diagnosis code (600.00) be added to the approved diagnosis list for this NCD.

- Rationale: ICD9 diagnosis code 600.01 (benign prostatic hypertrophy with urinary retention) is listed as an approved code.
- It would seem to be appropriate that the companion code 600.00 also be included.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely;

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