



Provider Inquiry Assistance

Revision of the Internet Only Manual to Remove References to “Purchased Diagnostic Test” and Replace with Language Consistent with the Anti-Markup Rule – JA6627

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Contractors Affected

- Medicare Carriers
- Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)

Provider Types Affected Provider types affected are physicians and Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities (IDTF) submitting claims for diagnostic tests subject to the anti-markup payment limitation to Medicare Carriers and A/B MACs.



- Change Request (CR) 6627 informs physicians and IDTFs that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will begin to change all references to “purchased diagnostic tests” in Medicare manuals to “anti-markup tests.”
- Until all changes are manualized, providers and their billing staffs should consider any reference to a “purchased diagnostic test” to be a reference to an anti-markup test.

Provider Needs to Know...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS is changing references to the term “purchased diagnostic test” in the <i>Medicare Claims Processing Manual</i> and the <i>Medicare Program Integrity Manual</i> to reflect the new anti-markup payment limitation language. • As previously explained in MLN Matters® article MM6371 (http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6371.pdf), CMS established claims processing instructions for diagnostic tests subject to the anti-markup payment limitation and the conditions under which the anti-markup provision applies and advised that related Medicare manuals would be updated at a later date to reflect the new anti-markup language. • CMS noted that it would not change all of the references in the manual at one time, but would implement the changes over time. • Until all changes are manualized, Medicare contractors will consider the term “purchased diagnostic test” to be obsolete and should instead use the nomenclature associated with the new anti-markup rule.
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Background	N/A
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Operational Impact	N/A
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Reference Materials	<p>The related MLN Matters® article can be found at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6627.pdf on the CMS website.</p>
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Reference Materials	<p>The official instruction (CR6627) issued regarding this change consists of two transmittals, one for the <i>Medicare Claims Processing Manual</i>, which is at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1931CP.pdf, and one for the <i>Medicare Program Integrity Manual</i>, which may be viewed at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R326PI.pdf on the CMS website.</p>
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