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Billing Requirements for Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scans for Dementia and Neurodegenerative Diseases

Keywords

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians and providers

Key Points

- The effective date of instruction is September 15, 2004.
- The implementation date is October 4, 2004.
- MLN Matters article MM3426 and related Change Request (CR) 3426 notify physicians and providers that effective for dates of service on or after September 15, 2004, Medicare will provide coverage for 2-deoxy-2- [F-18] fluoro-D-glucose -PET scans for beneficiaries with a recent diagnosis of dementia and documented cognitive decline of at least 6 months duration:
 - When the patient meets diagnostic criteria for both fronto-temporal dementia and Alzheimer's Disease (AD) under specific requirements, or
 - When used in Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)-approved practical neurodegenerative diseases clinical trial.
- CR3640 revised billing requirements in CR3426 for PET Scans for AD by:
 - Removing the edit for one scan per beneficiary's lifetime for PET AD Scans, and
 - Adding requirements for specifying International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision diagnosis coding.
- Section 60.1 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual (Pub. 100-04) was updated to include specific payment information for claims for all PET Scans for services submitted by critical access hospitals.

- The *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Publication 100-04, Chapter 13, Section 60, provides general Medicare coverage and billing requirements for PET scans for dementia and neurodegenerative diseases.
- The *Medicare National Coverage Determinations (NCD) Manual*, Publication 100-03, Section 220.6, provides complete coverage policy and clinical trial requirements.
- Under 42 Code of Federal Regulations 422.256(b), an NCD that expands coverage is also binding on Medicare Advantage Organizations.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3426.pdf> on the CMS website.

The updates to the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* (Publication 100-04), Chapter 13 (Radiology Services), Section 60 (Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scans), are included in the official instruction (CR3426) regarding this change which may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R310CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

MM3640 can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3640.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR3640) regarding MM3640 may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R428CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have questions, they may contact their intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.