



Placement of a List of Diagnostic Tests that are Considered End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Related in Publication 100-04, Chapter 16 – JA6515

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Contractors Affected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) • A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) • Medicare Carriers
Provider Types Affected	Physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Carriers, FIs, and/or A/B MACs for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries



Change Request (CR) 6515 is informational in nature. It places a listing of diagnostic tests that are considered ESRD-related as Exhibit 1 (new) at the end of Chapter 16 of the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*.

Provider Needs to Know...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of CR2906 was to address specific areas of concerns regarding Medicare system edits for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) consolidated billing (CB) to permit payment for certain diagnostic services furnished to beneficiaries receiving treatment for ESRD at an independent provider-based dialysis facility. • One of the areas of concern was that providers and suppliers needed a listing of diagnostic tests that are considered ESRD-related that would require the "CB" modifier. • Consequently, a list defining specific diagnostic tests as ESRD-related was included in CR2906. This list applies only to SNF CB. • According to CR2906, any diagnostic services related to the beneficiary's ESRD treatment/care must be submitted using the "CB" modifier. However, if these services are not on the list labeled as Attachment 1 in CR2906 or the list being added to the
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Medicare Claims Processing Manual by CR6515, the Medicare contractor may require supporting medical documentation.

Background

The listing of diagnostic tests that are considered ESRD-related was inadvertently omitted from the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* during the implementation of CR2906 (Transmittal 69, January 25, 2004; see <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R69CP.pdf> on the CMS website).

**Operational
Impact**

N/A

**Reference
Materials**

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6515.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6515) issued regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R1769CP.pdf> on the CMS website. The list being added to the end of Chapter 16 of the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* is attached to the end of CR6515.
