Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for April 2018

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This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 10424 which informs MACs about the changes that will be included in the April 2018 quarterly release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

BACKGROUND

CR 10424 announces the changes that will be included in the April 2018 quarterly release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services. The National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) for clinical diagnostic laboratory services were developed by the laboratory negotiated rulemaking committee, and the final rule was published on November 23, 2001. Nationally uniform software was developed and incorporated in the Medicare shared systems so that laboratory claims subject to one of the 23 NCDs (Publication 100-03, Sections 190.12 - 190.34) were processed uniformly throughout the nation effective April 1, 2003.

In accordance with the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 16, Section 120.2, the laboratory edit module is updated quarterly as necessary to reflect ministerial coding updates and substantive changes to the NCDs developed through the NCD process. The changes are a result of coding analysis decisions developed under the procedures for maintenance of codes in the negotiated NCDs and biannual updates of the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) codes. CR10424 communicates requirements to MACs notifying them of changes to the laboratory edit module for laboratory NCD code lists for April 2018. Please access the following link for the NCD spreadsheets included with CR10424:

MACs will adjust claims brought to their attention, but will not search their files to retract payment for claims already paid or retroactively pay claims.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**


If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map/

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