



Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for July 2019

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This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, providers and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

CR 11224 announces the changes that will be in the July 2019 quarterly release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services. Please be sure your billing staffs are aware of these updates.

BACKGROUND

CR 11224 announces the changes that will be in the July 2019 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, found in the Medicare National Coverage Determinations (NCD) Manual, 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. This instruction communicates requirements to Shared System Maintainers (SSMs) and contractors, notifying them of changes to the

laboratory edit module to update it for changes in laboratory NCD code lists for July 2019.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 11224, issued to your MAC regarding this change, is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R4265CP.pdf>.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

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March 27, 2019	Initial article released.

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