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**International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition (ICD)-10 Conversion from (ICD-9) and Related Code Infrastructure of the Medicare Shared Systems as They Relate to CMS National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) (CR 1 of 3) (ICD-10)**

**Note:** This article was revised on December 15, 2015, to add a reference to MLN Matters® Article [MM9252](#) which contains information from the third CR regarding implementing ICD-10 conversion changes from ICD-9 in the Medicare Shared Systems. All other information is unchanged.

### Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article for Change Request (CR) 7818 is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers who submit claims to Medicare contractors (carriers and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 7818 which creates and updates National Coverage Determination (NCD) hard-coded Medicare shared system edits that contain

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ICD-9 diagnosis codes with comparable ICD-10 diagnosis codes. The requirements described in CR7818 reflect the operational changes that are necessary to implement the conversion of the Medicare shared system diagnosis codes specific to numerous Medicare NCDs, which are identified in an attachment to CR7818. In order to be prepared to meet the timeline to implement the new ICD-10 diagnosis codes on October 1, 2014, the Medicare shared systems will begin implementation of the necessary changes to the NCDs in the January 2013 systems release. No DME MAC edits are included in this CR but will be addressed in subsequent CRs. All remaining changes to the Medicare shared systems, as they relate to Medicare NCDs, will be made in subsequent releases. See the Background and Additional Information Sections of this article for further details regarding these changes and be sure that you are ready for ICD-10 implementation.

## Background

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On October 1, 2014, all Medicare claims submissions will convert from the International Classification of Diseases, 9th Edition (ICD-9) to the 10th Edition (ICD-10). The transition will require business and systems changes throughout the health care industry. All covered entities, as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), must adhere to the conversion.

In accordance with HIPAA, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services adopts standard medical data code sets for use in standard transactions adopted under this law. According to the ICD-10 Final Rule, published in the Federal Register of January 16, 2009 (see <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2009-01-16/pdf/E9-743.pdf> on the Internet), the Secretary adopts the ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS code sets for use in appropriate HIPAA standard transactions. Entities covered under HIPAA (which include Medicare and its providers submitting claims electronically) are bound by these requirements and must comply. Medicare will also require submitters of paper claims to use ICD-10 codes on their claims according to the same compliance date.

The purpose of CR7818 is to both create and update NCD hard-coded Medicare shared system edits that contain ICD-9 diagnosis codes with comparable ICD-10 diagnosis codes, plus all associated editing such as procedure codes, HCPCS/CPT codes, denial messages, frequency edits, Place of Service (POS)/Type of Bill (TOB)/provider specialty editing, etc. The requirements described in CR7818 reflect the operational changes that are necessary to implement the conversion of the Medicare shared system diagnosis codes specific to the Medicare NCDs listed as an attachment to CR7818. To access that attachment, visit <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2012-Transmittals-Items/R1122OTN.html> on the CMS website.

**Note:** This exercise is in no way intended to expand, restrict, or alter existing Medicare national coverage. Also, it is not intended to minimize the authority granted to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) in their discretionary implementation of NCDs or Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs). However, where hard-coded edits were not initially implemented due to time and/or resource constraints, doing so at this time will better serve the intent and integrity of national coverage and the Medicare Program overall.

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## Additional Information

The official instruction, CR7818 issued to your carrier or A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1122OTN.pdf> on the CMS website. To access the attachment to CR7818, visit <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2012-Transmittals-Items/R1122OTN.html> on the CMS website.

You may also want to review MM8207 (<http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM8207.pdf>) that alerts DMEPOS providers and suppliers of modifications being made to the claims processing systems to report the appropriate NCD/LCD captured during claims processing based on their associations with either ICD-9 or ICD-10 diagnosis codes, the claim line service date, and the ICD-10 diagnosis code effective date.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

## Document History

| Date of Change    | Description   |
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| December 15, 2015 | The article was revised to add a reference to MLN Matters® Article <a href="#">MM9252</a> which covers NCDs included as a result of feedback received from previous ICD-10 NCD Change Requests (CRs).                             |
| May 15, 2013      | The article was revised to add a reference to MLN Matters® Article <a href="#">MM8197</a> which contains information from the third CR regarding implementing ICD-10 conversion changes from ICD-9 in the Medicare Shared Systems |

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