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Implementation Date: October 7, 2013

**Note:** This article was revised on August 4, 2014, to show the new ICD-10 implementation date of October 1, 2015. While the Change Request may not reflect the new ICD-10 date yet, CMS has announced the date change. All other information is unchanged.

## ICD-10 CM—Updates to National Coverage Determination/Local Coverage Determination (NCD/LCD) Processing in the VMS Shared System

### Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for providers and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

### What You Need to Know

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8207 which informs Medicare contractors about the details of the system changes required to accommodate separate National Coverage Determination/Local Coverage Determination (NCD/LCD) codes for policies associated with ICD-9 and ICD-10 diagnosis codes

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## Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is making modifications to its 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. This article reminds suppliers of the need to be ready for ICD-10 implementation, which will occur on October 1, 2015. An abundance of information is available regarding ICD-10 at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html> on the CMS website.

## Additional Information

The official instruction, CR8207 issued to your DME/MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R11910TN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your DME/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.

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- 2012-2013 [Seasonal Influenza Vaccines Pricing](#).
- [MLN Matters® Article MM8047](#), "Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2012-2013 Season."
- [CMS Medicare Learning Network® 2012-2013 Seasonal Influenza Virus Educational Products and Resources](#) and [CMS Immunizations](#) web pages for information on coverage and billing.
- [HealthMap Vaccine Finder](#) – a free, online service where users can find nearby locations offering flu vaccines as well as other vaccines for adults.
- The [CDC's](#) website offers a variety of provider resources for the 2012-2013 flu season.

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