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Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Software

Provider Types Affected

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

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8797 which informs MACs that the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software will be updated to continue the processing of ICD-9 diagnosis codes. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

Background

The Laboratory NCD Edit Software will be updated to continue the processing of the ICD-9 diagnosis codes. On April 1, 2014, the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (PAMA) (Pub. L. No. 113-93) was enacted, which said that the Secretary of Health and Human Services may not adopt ICD-10 codes prior to October 1, 2015. This requires Health

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Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) covered entities to continue to use ICD-9-CM at least through September 30, 2015. Also, CR8797 announces there are no updates to the laboratory NCD code lists for this quarter.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 8797 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2976CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Net/MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

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