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Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations (NCDs)

Note: This article was revised on June 6, 2016, to reflect the revised CR9631 issued on June 3, 2016. In the article, the CR release date, transmittal number, and the Web address for accessing the CR are revised. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

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

Provider Action Needed

CR9631 is the 8th maintenance update of International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) conversions and other coding updates specific to national coverage determinations (NCDs). The majority of the NCDs included are a result of feedback received from previous ICD-10 NCD CRs, specifically CR7818, CR8109, CR8197, CR8691, CR9087, CR9252, and CR9540, while others are the result of revisions required to other NCD-related CRs released separately. Review MLN Matters® Articles [MM7818](#), [MM8109](#), [MM8197](#), [MM8691](#), [MM9087](#), [MM9252](#), and [MM9540](#) for information pertaining to these CR's.

Background

The translations from ICD-9 to ICD-10 are not consistent one-to-one matches, nor are all ICD-10 codes appearing in a complete General Equivalence Mappings (GEMS) guide or other mapping guides appropriate when reviewed against individual NCD policies. In

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addition, for those policies that expressly allow MAC discretion, there may be changes to those NCDs based on current review of those NCDs against ICD-10 coding. For these reasons, there may be certain ICD-9 codes that were once considered appropriate prior to ICD-10 implementation that are no longer considered acceptable.

No policy-related changes are included with these updates. Any policy-related changes to NCDs continue to be implemented via the current, long-standing NCD process. Updated NCD coding spreadsheets related to CR9631 are available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coverage/DeterminationProcess/downloads/CR9631.zip>.

Edits to ICD-10 and other coding updates specific to NCDs will be included in subsequent, quarterly releases as needed. No policy-related changes are included with these updates. Any policy-related changes to NCDs continue to be implemented via the current, long-standing NCD process.

To be specific, CR9631 makes adjustments to the following NCDs:

- NCD 20.4 -Implantable Automatic Defibrillators
- NCD 20.7 -Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty (PTA)
- NCD 20.9 - Artificial Hearts
- NCD 20.29 - Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
- NCD 50.3 - Cochlear Implants
- NCD 110.18 - Aprepitant
- NCD 210.3 - Colorectal Cancer Screening
- NCD 220.4 - Mammography
- NCD 230.9 - Cryosurgery of Prostate
- NCD 260.9 - Heart Transplants
- NCD 210.4 - Smoking/Tobacco-Use Cessation Counseling
- NCD 210.4.1 - Counseling to Prevent Tobacco Use

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 9631, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R1672OTN.pdf>.

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-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

Document History

- June 6, 2016 - revised due to revised CR - no substantive change to the article.
- May 17, 2016 - initial issuance.

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