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2015 GEMs, Reimbursement Mappings, and ICD-10 Files Now Available -The 2015 General Equivalence Mappings (GEMs), Reimbursement Mappings, ICD-10-CM files, and ICD-10-PCS files are now available on the **2015 ICD-10-CM and GEMs** web page and **2015 ICD-10-PCS and GEMs** web page. The mappings can be used to convert policies from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10 codes. The GEMs provide both forward (ICD-9-CM to ICD-10) and backward (ICD-10 to ICD-9-CM) mappings. There are no new, revised, or deleted ICD-10-CM or ICD-10-PCS codes.

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How to Access Updates to ICD-10 Local Coverage Determinations in the CMS Medicare Coverage Database

Note: This article was revised on August 4, 2014, to show the new ICD-10 implementation date of October 1, 2015. All other information is unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

This article is intended for all physicians, providers, and suppliers who submit claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), including Home Health & Hospice MACs (HH&H MACs), and Durable Medical Equipment MACs (DME MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

This MLN Matters® Special Edition article is intended to convey information on how to access updates to International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition (ICD-10) Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Coverage Database (MCD).

Background

MACs may develop an LCD to further define a National Coverage Determination (NCD) or in the absence of a specific NCD. An LCD is a coverage decision made at a MAC's own discretion to provide guidance to the public and the medical community within a specified geographic area. An LCD cannot conflict with an NCD. An LCD is an administrative and educational tool that can assist you in submitting correct claims for payment by:

- Outlining coverage criteria;
- Defining medical necessity; and
- Providing references upon which a policy (LCD) is based and codes that describe covered and/or noncovered services when the codes are integral to the discussion of medical necessity.

The MCD

To access the CMS MCD, visit **http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/indexes/national-and-local-indexes.aspx** on the CMS website.

Use the following steps to access the list of LCDs with ICD-10 codes:

1. **On the CMS MCD Homepage, click on the "Indexes" tab at the top of the page;**
2. **Select "Local Coverage";**
3. **Select one of the three display options for LCDs ("LCDs by Contractor," "LCDs by State," or "LCDs Listed Alphabetically");**
4. **If you choose LCDs by Contractor, click on that link;**
5. **Select a MAC;**
6. **In the Document types, checkmark the square for "Future LCDs/Future Contract Number LCDs";**
7. **Click the "Submit" button;**
8. **Click on the Contractor name; and**
9. **A list of Future Effective LCDs will display. Those LCDs with a 10/01/2015 Effective Date are ICD-10 LCDs.**

Notes:
1. The ICD-10 updates are labeled "future" as the policies are not yet in effect. These updates are subject to change as necessitated by code updates and policy revisions.
2. The 10/01/2014 Effective Dates were changed to 10/01/2015 in August 2014.

Printing Documents on the CMS MCD

All documents on the CMS MCD may be printed. Use the following steps to print a document:
1. Open the document; and
2. In the upper right-hand corner, click on the "Print" button or use "Control + P". Alternatively, click on the "Need a PDF?" button and click on the "Save a Copy" icon on the bottom of your screen or use "Shift + Control + S".

Additional Information

For an in-depth review on how to use the CMS MCD, refer to the Medicare Learning Network® publication titled "How to Use the Medicare Coverage Database" located at **http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/MedicareCvrgeDatabase_ICN901346.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-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html** under - How Does It Work.