



New Physician Specialty Code for Medical Genetics and Genomics

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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) 10457 which informs MACs that CMS has established a new physician specialty code for Medical Genetics and Genomics (D3). Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

BACKGROUND

Physicians self-designate their Medicare physician specialty on the Medicare enrollment application (CMS-855I or CMS-855O) or Internet-based Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) when they enroll in the Medicare program. Medicare physician specialty codes describe the specific/unique types of medicine that physicians (and certain other suppliers) practice. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) uses specialty codes for programmatic and claims processing purposes. CMS has established a new physician specialty code for Medical Genetics and Genomics. The new code is D3. MACs will accept and recognize the new code of D3.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CR10457 revises “The Medicare Financial Management Manual,” Chapter 6, and the “Medicare Claims Processing Manual,” Chapter 26, to reflect this new specialty code. The revised manual sections are attached to CR10457.

The official instruction, CR10457, issued to your MAC regarding this change via two

transmittals. The first updates the “Medicare Financial Management Manual” and it is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R304FM.pdf>. The second updates the Medicare Claims Processing Manual and it is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R4039CP.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map/>

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