



International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) and Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations (NCDs)

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PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

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

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

Change Request (CR) 10622 constitutes a maintenance update of International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) conversions and other coding updates specific to National Coverage Determinations (NCDs). These NCD coding changes are the result of newly available codes, coding revisions to NCDs released separately, or coding feedback received. Please follow the link below for the NCD spreadsheets included with this CR:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coverage/DeterminationProcess/downloads/CR10622.zip>.

BACKGROUND

Previous NCD coding changes appear in ICD-10 quarterly updates that are available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coverage/CoverageGenInfo/ICD10.html>, along with other CRs implementing new policy NCDs. 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.

Coding (as well as payment) is a separate and distinct area of the Medicare Program from coverage policy/criteria. Revisions to codes within an NCD are carefully and thoroughly reviewed and vetted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and are not intended to change the original intent of the NCD. The exception to this is when coding revisions are released as official implementation of new or reconsidered NCD policy following a formal

national coverage analysis.

Note: 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) mapping guide or other mapping guides appropriate when reviewed against individual NCD policies. In 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.

CR10622 makes coding and clarifying adjustments to the following NCDs:

- NCD 110.18 Aprepitant
- NCD 150.3 Bone Mineral Density Studies
- NCD 190.11 Prothrombin Time/International Normalized Ratio (PT/INR)
- NCD 220.6.16 Positron Emission Tomography (PET) for Infection/Inflammation
- NCD 220.6.17 PET for Solid Tumors
- NCD 220.13 Percutaneous Image-Guided Breast Biopsy

When denying claims associated with the attached NCDs, except where otherwise indicated, A/B MACs will use:

- Group Code PR (Patient Responsibility) assigning financial responsibility to the beneficiary (if a claim is received with occurrence code 32, or with occurrence code 32 and a GA modifier, indicating a signed Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) is on file).
- Group Code CO (Contractual Obligation) assigning financial liability to the provider (if a claim is received with a GZ modifier indicating no signed ABN is on file). For modifier GZ, use CARC 50 and Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) 8.81 per instructions in CR 7228/TR 2148.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 10622, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R2076OTN.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/>.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

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May 9, 2018	Initial article released.

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