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Related Change Request (CR) #: 6098

Related CR Release Date: June 27, 2008

Effective Date: March 12, 2008

Related CR Transmittal #: R85NCD

Implementation Date: July 28, 2008

Cardiac Computed Tomographic Angiography (CTA)

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), and/or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)) for Cardiac CTA services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

This article is informational only and based on Change Request (CR) 6098 which announces that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), upon review of the available evidence, has determined that the coverage of cardiac computed tomographic angiography (CTA) to diagnosis coronary artery disease (CAD) will remain at local Medicare contractor discretion, and no national coverage determination (NCD) is appropriate at this time.

Background

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CTA is a noninvasive method (using intravenous contrast) to visualize the coronary arteries (or other vessels) using high resolution, high speed computed tomography (CT).

After examining the medical evidence, CMS has determined that no NCD is appropriate at this time, effective March 12, 2008. Pursuant to the Social Security Act (Section 1862(a)(1)(A)), decisions should be made by local contractors through:

- the local coverage determination process, or
- case-by-case adjudication.

Therefore, all claims for CTA used to diagnose CAD will continue to be determined by local Medicare contractor discretion and section 220.1 of Publication 100-03 of the NCD Manual remains unchanged.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 6098, issued to your carrier, FI, and A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R85NCD.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier, FI, or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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