



## Update to the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) Diagnosis Codes for Vaping Related Disorder and Diagnosis and Procedure Codes for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Related Change Request (CR): 11623

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Effective Date: April 1, 2020 - For vaping-related and COVID-19 related diagnosis codes included in V37.1 of the MS-DRG Grouper and MCE.; August 1, 2020 - For new procedure codes included in V37.2 of the MS-DRG Grouper and MCE.

Related CR Transmittal Number: **R10317OTN**

Implementation Date: April 6, 2020

**Note: We revised this article on August 21, 2020, to reflect an updated CR 11623. The CR revision updated the title, Background section and includes new procedure codes in Version 37.2 of the ICD-10 Medicare Severity - Diagnosis Related Groups (MS-DRG) Grouper and ICD-10 Medicare Code Editor (MCE). The CR release date, transmittal number and link to the transmittal also changed. All other information remains the same**

### PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

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

### PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

CR 11623 adds new ICD-10-Clinical Modification (CM) codes for vaping related disorder and 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and ICD-10 Procedure Coding System (PCS) codes to the Medicare Severity – Diagnosis Related Groups (MS-DRG) Grouper and Medicare Code Editor (MCE) effective for discharges on and after April 1, 2020. Twelve new procedure codes to describe the introduction or infusion of therapeutics, including remdesivir and convalescent plasma into the ICD-10-PCS are effective for discharges on and after August 1, 2020. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these changes related to the new code.

## BACKGROUND

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In response to recent occurrences of vaping related disorders and the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) is implementing new diagnosis codes into the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM), for reporting vaping-related disorder and the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency effective April 1, 2020.

**CMS is implementing twelve new procedure codes to describe the introduction or infusion of therapeutics, including remdesivir and convalescent plasma into the ICD-10-PCS, effective for discharges on and after August 1, 2020.**

The GROUPER assigns each case into an MS-DRG based on reported diagnosis and procedure codes and demographic information (that is age, sex, and discharge status). **The MCE, Version 37.1, uses edits for the ICD-10 diagnosis codes reported to validate correct coding on claims for discharges on or after April 1, 2020, and subsequently, the MCE, Version 37.2, was developed for the procedure codes, effective August 1, 2020.**

The ICD-10 MS-DRG V37.1 Definitions Manual Table of Contents and the Definitions of Medicare Code Edits V37.1 manual will be available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/MS-DRG-Classifications-and-Software.html>.

**Note:** CR 11623 does not provide any change in policy. Current policy is available in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 3 (Inpatient Hospital Billing), Sections 20.2.1 (Medicare Code Editor (MCE)), and 20.2.2 (DRG GROUPER Program). You can review these manual sections at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c03pdf.pdf>.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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The official instruction, CR 11623, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r10317OTN.pdf>.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

## DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date of Change	Description
August 21, 2020	We revised this article to reflect an updated CR 11623. The CR revision updated the title, Background section and includes new procedure codes in Version 37.2 of the ICD-10 Medicare Severity - Diagnosis Related Groups (MS-DRG) Grouper and ICD-10 Medicare Code Editor (MCE). The CR release date, transmittal number and link to the transmittal also changed. .
April 2, 2020	We revised this article to reflect an updated CR 11623. The CR revision added the new ICD-10-CM code for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and we made the same change to the article. The CR release date, transmittal number and link to the transmittal also changed.
January 31, 2020	We revised this article on January 31, 2020, to reflect an updated CR that changed the CR type from a Recurring Update Notification to a One Time Notification. The CR release date, transmittal number and link to the transmittal also changed.
January 24, 2020	Initial article released.

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