Quarterly Update to the End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System (ESRD PPS)

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PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is for End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) facilities that submit claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for ESRD services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

CR 11835 informs providers about new diagnosis codes eligible for the ESRD Prospective Payment System (PPS) comorbidity payment adjustment effective October 1, 2020. Make your billing staff aware of these additions.

BACKGROUND

Section 1881(b)(14)(D)(i) of the Social Security Act (the Act) requires that the ESRD PPS include a payment adjustment based on a case mix that may consider patient comorbidities. A comorbidity is a specific patient condition that is secondary to the patient's principal diagnosis that necessitates dialysis, yet has a significant, direct effect on resource use during dialysis. In accordance with the Act, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) established the comorbidity payment adjustment, which recognizes the increased costs associated with renal dialysis patients who have comorbidities, effective January 1, 2011.

The ESRD PPS provides payment adjustments for two chronic comorbidity categories and two acute comorbidity categories. When applicable, ESRD facilities can report specific diagnosis codes on ESRD facility claims to be eligible for a comorbidity payment adjustment. Diagnosis codes are updated annually as stated in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 23, Section 10.2 and are published in the Federal Register each year as part of the changes to the Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems in Table 6 that go into effect each October 1.

Effective for dates of services on and after October 1, 2020, there are new ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes eligible under the hereditary hemolytic and sickle cell anemia comorbidity category.
In the chronic comorbidity conditions under the hereditary hemolytic and sickle cell anemia category, the new ICD-10-CM codes and descriptors added as of October 1, 2020, are as follows:

- D57.03: Hb-SS disease with cerebral vascular involvement
- D57.09: Hb-SS disease with crisis with other specified complication
- D57.213: Sickle-cell/Hb-C disease with cerebral vascular involvement
- D57.218: Sickle-cell/Hb-C disease with crisis with other specified complication
- D57.413: Sickle-cell thalassemia, unspecified, with cerebral vascular involvement
- D57.418: Sickle-cell thalassemia, unspecified, with crisis with other specified complication
- D57.42: Sickle-cell-thalassemia beta zero without crisis
- D57.431: Sickle-cell-thalassemia beta zero with acute chest syndrome
- D57.432: Sickle-cell thalassemia beta zero with splenic sequestration
- D57.433: Sickle cell-thalassemia beta zero with cerebral vascular involvement
- D57.438: Sickle cell-thalassemia beta zero with crisis with other specified complication
- D57.439: Sickle-cell thalassemia beta zero with crisis, unspecified
- D57.44: Sickle cell-thalassemia beta plus without crisis
- D57.451: Sickle cell-thalassemia beta plus with acute chest syndrome
- D57.452: Sickle-cell thalassemia beta plus with splenic sequestration
- D57.453: Sickle cell-thalassemia beta plus with cerebral vascular involvement
- D57.458: Sickle cell-thalassemia beta plus with crisis with other specified complication
- D57.459: Sickle-cell thalassemia beta plus with crisis, unspecified
- D57.813: Other sickle-cell disorders with cerebral vascular involvement
- D57.818: Other sickle-cell disorders with crisis with other specified complication

The updated co-morbidity payment adjustment list is available at https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ESRDpayment/Patient-Level-Adjustments. CR 11835 does not add or change any comorbidity categories.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 11835, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r10198CP.pdf.

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