

<b>CMS Manual System</b>	<b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>
<b>Pub 100-20 One-Time Notification</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
<b>Transmittal 12444</b>	<b>Date: January 4, 2024</b>
	<b>Change Request 13278</b>

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**SUBJECT: International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) and Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations (NCDs)--January 2024 Update**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to provide a maintenance update of ICD-10 conversions and other coding updates specific to NCDs. These NCD coding changes are the result of newly available codes, coding revisions to NCDs released separately, or coding feedback received. Previous NCD coding changes appear in ICD-10 quarterly updates that can be found 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 and individual CRs as appropriate. No policy-related changes are included with the ICD-10 quarterly updates. Any policy-related changes to NCDs continue to be implemented via the current, longstanding NCD process.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024**

*\*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: November 21, 2023 - BR 2 (addition of CPT 81479 and dx codes) 10 days from issuance; January 2, 2024 - BR 1, BR 2 (addition of CPT 0397U), BR 3**

***Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.***

**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)**

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

<b>R/N/D</b>	<b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b>
N/A	N/A

**III. FUNDING:**

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authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

#### **IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

##### **One Time Notification**

# Attachment - One-Time Notification

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to provide a maintenance update of ICD-10 conversions and other coding updates specific to NCDs. These NCD coding changes are the result of newly available codes, coding revisions to NCDs released separately, or coding feedback received. Previous NCD coding changes appear in ICD-10 quarterly updates that can be found at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coverage/CoverageGenInfo/ICD10.html>, along with other CRs implementing new NCD policy.

**B. Policy:** 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. Please follow the link below for the NCD spreadsheets included with this CR: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coverage/DeterminationProcess/downloads/CR13278.zip>

Clarification: 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 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. \*GEMs mapping is no longer provided by CMS as of October 1, 2019. In addition, for those policies that expressly allow Medicare Administrative Contractor (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.

Note/Clarification: A/B MACs Part A and A/B MACs Part B shall complete all tasks that involve updates to local system edits/tables associated with the attached NCDs in this CR.

Note/Clarification: A/B MACs shall use default Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH) Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE) messages where appropriate: Remittance Advice Remark Codes (RARC) N386 with Claim Adjustment Reason Code (CARC) 50, 96, and/or 119. See latest CAQH CORE update. When denying claims associated with the attached NCDs, except where otherwise indicated, A/B MACs shall 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.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.*

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
13278.1	<p>NCD 50.3 Cochlear Implants</p> <p>Contractors shall delete ICD-10 diagnosis H90.5 effective January 1, 2024.</p> <p>See attached spreadsheet.</p>	X	X			X				
13278.2	<p>NCD 90.2 Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)</p> <p>Contractors shall add Agilent Resolution DxFirst 0397U and associated dx codes for non-small cell lung cancer effective for claims with dates of service on and after July 1, 2023.</p> <p>Contractors shall add Tempus xT CDx and associated dx codes for colorectal cancer (CRC) solid organ neoplasms effective for claims with dates of service on and after April 28, 2023 using HCPCS 81479.</p> <p>See attached spreadsheet.</p>	X	X							
13278.3	<p>NCD 210.1 Prostate Screening Tests</p> <p>CWF and MCS shall remove the updates and edits that are associated with the addition of CPT 0359U and that were implemented in CR 13070 and CR 13166 since CPT 0359U is being removed in its entirety.</p>	X	X				X		X	HETS, MBD, NGD

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		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
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	MACs shall mass-adjust all CPT 0359U claims with dates of service January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023. MACs shall initiate adjustments within 30 days from CR implementation date.  See spreadsheet.									
13278.4	Contractors shall not search claims for BRs 1 and 2, but may adjust claims that are brought to their attention.	X	X							

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	CEDI
		A	B	HHH		
13278.5	Medicare Learning Network® (MLN): CMS will market provider education content through the MLN Connects® newsletter shortly after CMS releases the CR. MACs shall follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1 instructions for distributing the MLN Connects newsletter information to providers and link to relevant information on your website. You may supplement MLN content with your local information after we release the MLN Connects newsletter. Subscribe to the “MLN Connects” listserv to get MLN content notifications. You don’t need to separately track and report MLN content releases when you distribute MLN Connects newsletter content per the manual section referenced above.	X	X			

### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A**

*"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

**Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A**

## **V. CONTACTS**

**Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

## **VI. FUNDING**

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**ATTACHMENTS: Refer to Section B.**