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This Recurring Update Notification applies to chapter 3, section 20.3.4.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2026

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

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 6, 2026

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.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	N/A

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically 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:

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II. GENERAL INFORMATION

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ICD-10 MS-DRGs Version 43.1 Effective April 01, 2026

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is implementing 80 new procedure codes into the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Procedure Coding System (ICD10-PCS), effective April 01, 2026. Information regarding the new procedure codes is available at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/prospective-payment-systems/acute-inpatient-pps/ms-drg-classifications-and-software.html>

The ICD-10 MS-DRG Grouper assigns each case into an MS-DRG based on the reported diagnosis and procedure codes and demographic information (age, sex, and discharge status).

The ICD-10 MCE Version 43.1 uses edits for the ICD-10 codes reported to validate correct coding on claims for discharges on or after April 1, 2026.

The ICD-10 MS-DRG Grouper software package to accommodate these new codes, Version 43.1, is effective for discharges on or after April 1, 2026.

The ICD-10 MS-DRG V43.1 Grouper Software, Definitions Manual Table of Contents and the Definitions of Medicare Code Edits V43.1 manual will be available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/MS-DRG-Classifications-and-Software.html>

B. Policy: There is no policy change. Current policy is available in the Claims Processing Manual Publication (Pub.) 100-04, Chapter 3, Section 20.2.1 - Medicare Code Editor (MCE) and 20.2.2 - DRG GROUPER Program.

III. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
14337.1	The Medicare contractor shall install and edit claims with the MS-DRG Grouper and MCE version 43.1 software with the implementation of the April 2026 quarterly release for dates of discharge on and after April 1, 2026.					X				CVM

IV. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Medicare Learning Network® (MLN): CMS will develop and release national provider education content and market it through the MLN Connects® newsletter shortly after we issue the CR. MACs shall link to relevant information on your website and follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1 for distributing the newsletter to providers. When you follow this manual section, you don't need to separately track and report MLN content releases. You may supplement with your local educational content after we release the newsletter.

Impacted Contractors: A/B MAC Part A

V. 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

VI. CONTACTS

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

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The ICD-10 Medicare Code Editor (MCE) Version 43.1 software uses edits to detect and report errors in the claims data for the ICD-10 codes reported to validate correct coding on claims for discharges on or after April 01, 2026.

The ICD-10 MS-DRG Grouper software package to accommodate these 80 new codes, Version 43.1, is effective for discharges on or after April 01, 2026.

Assignment of the 80 new ICD-10-PCS procedure codes is as follows:

Procedure Code	Description	O.R.	MDC	MS-DRG
02HM3JZ**	Insertion of pacemaker lead into ventricular septum, percutaneous approach	N	01 05 21 24	040-042 260-262 907-909 957-959
02HM3KZ	Insertion of defibrillator lead into ventricular septum, percutaneous approach	Y	05 14 17 18 19 23 25	265 768-769 817-819 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 939-941 969-970
02HM3MZ**	Insertion of cardiac lead into ventricular septum, percutaneous approach	N	05	260-262
02HM3NZ	Insertion of intracardiac pacemaker into ventricular septum, percutaneous approach	Y	05 14 17 18 19 23 25	228-229 768-769 817-819 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 939-941 969-970

02HM3YZ	Insertion of other device into ventricular septum, percutaneous approach	Y	05 14 17 18 19 23 25	260-262 768-769 817-819 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 939-941 969-970
ODDU0ZZ	Extraction of omentum, open approach	Y	06 07 10 13 14 17 18 18 19 23	356-358 423-425 628-630 749-750 768-769 817-819 820-822 826-828 853-855 856-858 876 939-941
ODDU4ZZ	Extraction of omentum, percutaneous endoscopic approach	Y	06 07 10 13 14 17 18 18 19 23	356-358 423-425 628-630 749-750 768-769 817-819 820-822 826-828 853-855 856-858 876 939-941
ODDV0ZZ	Extraction of mesentery, open approach	Y	06 07 10 13 14 17 18 18 19 23	356-358 423-425 628-630 749-750 768-769 817-819 820-822 826-828 853-855 856-858 876 939-941

ODDV4ZZ	Extraction of mesentery, percutaneous endoscopic approach	Y	06 07 10 13 14 17 18 18 19 23	356-358 423-425 628-630 749-750 768-769 817-819 820-822 826-828 853-855 856-858 876 939-941
0F9480D*	Drainage of gallbladder with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transmural	N		
0F9480E*	Drainage of gallbladder with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transpapillary	N		
0F9580D*	Drainage of right hepatic duct with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transmural	N		
0F9580E*	Drainage of right hepatic duct with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transpapillary	N		
0F9680D*	Drainage of left hepatic duct with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transmural	N		
0F9680E*	Drainage of left hepatic duct with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transpapillary	N		
0F9780D*	Drainage of common hepatic duct with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transmural	N		
0F9780E*	Drainage of common hepatic duct with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transpapillary	N		
0F9880D*	Drainage of cystic duct with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transmural	N		
0F9880E*	Drainage of cystic duct with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transpapillary	N		
0F9980D*	Drainage of common bile duct with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transmural	N		
0F9980E*	Drainage of common bile duct with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transpapillary	N		
0F9C80D*	Drainage of ampulla of vater with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transmural	N		
0F9C80E*	Drainage of ampulla of vater with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transpapillary	N		
0F9D80D*	Drainage of pancreatic duct with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transmural	N		
0F9D80E*	Drainage of pancreatic duct with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transpapillary	N		
0F9F80D*	Drainage of accessory pancreatic duct with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transmural	N		

0F9F80E*	Drainage of accessory pancreatic duct with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transpapillary	N		
0F9G80D*	Drainage of pancreas with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transmural	N		
0F9G80E*	Drainage of pancreas with drainage device, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, transpapillary	N		
0TXB0Z6	Transfer bladder to right ureter, open approach	Y	11 14 17 18 19 21 23 24 25	656-658 659-661 768-769 817-819 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 907-909 939-941 957-959 969-970
0TXB0Z7	Transfer bladder to left ureter, open approach	Y	11 14 17 18 19 21 23 24 25	656-658 659-661 768-769 817-819 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 907-909 939-941 957-959 969-970
0TXB4Z6	Transfer bladder to right ureter, percutaneous endoscopic approach	Y	11 14 17 18 19 21 23	656-658 659-661 768-769 817-819 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 907-909 939-941

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0TXB4Z7	Transfer bladder to left ureter, percutaneous endoscopic approach	Y	11 14 17 18 19 21 23 24 25	656-658 659-661 768-769 817-819 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 907-909 939-941 957-959 969-970
0VT00ZE	Resection of prostate, open approach, capsule intact	Y	11 12 17 18 19 23 25	665-667 707-708 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 939-941 969-970
0VT04ZE	Resection of prostate, percutaneous endoscopic approach, capsule intact	Y	11 12 17 18 19 23	665-667 707-708 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 939-941
0VT07ZE	Resection of prostate, via natural or artificial opening, capsule intact	Y	11 12 17 18 19 23	665-667 713-714 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 939-941
0VT08ZE	Resection of prostate, via natural or artificial opening endoscopic, capsule intact	Y	11 12 17	665-667 713-714 823-825

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3E033AZ*	Introduction of embryonic stem cells into peripheral vein, percutaneous approach	N		
3E043AZ*	Introduction of embryonic stem cells into central vein, percutaneous approach	N		
4A0FXEJ*	Measurement of musculoskeletal body composition using air displacement plethysmography, external approach	N		
5A0221E	Assistance with cardiac output using blood flow modulator, continuous	Y	05 14 17 18 19 23 25	270-272 768-769 817-819 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 939-941 969-970
F07DYD0**	Electrotherapeutic treatment of integumentary system - head and neck using microcurrent stimulation	N	23	945-946
F07EYD0**	Electrotherapeutic treatment of integumentary system - thorax / abdomen using microcurrent stimulation	N	23	945-946
F07FYD0**	Electrotherapeutic treatment of integumentary system - upper back / upper extremity using microcurrent stimulation	N	23	945-946
F07GYD0**	Electrotherapeutic treatment of integumentary system - lower back / lower extremity using microcurrent stimulation	N	23	945-946
F07HYD0**	Electrotherapeutic treatment of integumentary system - whole body using microcurrent stimulation	N	23	945-946
F08E5AZ**	Wound management treatment of integumentary system - thorax / abdomen using negative pressure therapy	N	23	945-946
F08E5BZ**	Wound management treatment of integumentary system - thorax / abdomen using physical agents	N	23	945-946
F08E5CZ**	Wound management treatment of integumentary system - thorax / abdomen using mechanical equipment	N	23	945-946
F08E5DZ**	Wound management treatment of integumentary system - thorax / abdomen using electrotherapeutic equipment	N	23	945-946
F08E5EZ**	Wound management treatment of integumentary system - thorax / abdomen using orthosis	N	23	945-946

F08E5FZ**	Wound management treatment of integumentary system - thorax / abdomen using assistive, adaptive, supportive or protective equipment	N	23	945-946
F08E5UZ**	Wound management treatment of integumentary system - thorax / abdomen using prosthesis	N	23	945-946
F08E5YZ**	Wound management treatment of integumentary system - thorax / abdomen using other equipment	N	23	945-946
F08E5ZZ**	Wound management treatment of integumentary system - thorax / abdomen	N	23	945-946
F08P5AZ**	Wound management treatment of musculoskeletal system - thorax / abdomen using negative pressure therapy	N	23	945-946
F08P5BZ**	Wound management treatment of musculoskeletal system - thorax / abdomen using physical agents	N	23	945-946
F08P5CZ**	Wound management treatment of musculoskeletal system - thorax / abdomen using mechanical equipment	N	23	945-946
F08P5DZ**	Wound management treatment of musculoskeletal system - thorax / abdomen using electrotherapeutic equipment	N	23	945-946
F08P5EZ**	Wound management treatment of musculoskeletal system - thorax / abdomen using orthosis	N	23	945-946
F08P5FZ**	Wound management treatment of musculoskeletal system - thorax / abdomen using assistive, adaptive, supportive or protective equipment	N	23	945-946
F08P5UZ**	Wound management treatment of musculoskeletal system - thorax / abdomen using prosthesis	N	23	945-946
F08P5YZ**	Wound management treatment of musculoskeletal system - thorax / abdomen using other equipment	N	23	945-946
F08P5ZZ**	Wound management treatment of musculoskeletal system - thorax / abdomen	N	23	945-946
X2723CB	Dilation of inferior vena cava and iliocaval confluence with open-structure polymer lattice intraluminal device, percutaneous approach, new technology group 11	Y	01 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 14 17 18 19	037-039 166-168 252-254 356-358 423-425 515-517 579-581 628-630 673-675 768-769 817-819 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876

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X2HM3GB	Insertion of lumenless small-diameter defibrillator lead into ventricular septum, percutaneous approach, new technology group 11	Y	05 14 17 18 19 23 25	265 768-769 817-819 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 939-941 969-970
X2HV3GB	Insertion of lumenless small-diameter defibrillator lead into right ventricle, percutaneous approach, new technology group 11	Y	05 14 17 18 19 23 25	265 768-769 817-819 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 939-941 969-970
X2K00FB	Bypass inferior vena cava using autologous cell seeded tissue engineered resorbable scaffold to pulmonary artery, open approach, new technology group 11	Y	05 14 17 18 19 23 25	228-229 768-769 817-819 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 939-941 969-970
X2KG0FB	Bypass hepatic vein using autologous cell seeded tissue engineered resorbable scaffold to pulmonary artery, open approach, new technology group 11	Y	05 14 17 18 19 23 25	228-229 768-769 817-819 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 939-941 969-970

X9HD01B	Insertion of temporary infusion device into right inner ear, open approach, new technology group 11	Y	03 14 17 18 19 23 25	143-145 768-769 817-819 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 939-941 969-970
X9HE01B	Insertion of temporary infusion device into left inner ear, open approach, new technology group 11	Y	03 14 17 18 19 23 25	143-145 768-769 817-819 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 939-941 969-970
X9HF01B	Insertion of temporary infusion device into bilateral inner ear, open approach, new technology group 11	Y	03 14 17 18 19 23 25	143-145 768-769 817-819 823-825 829-830 850 853-855 856-858 876 939-941 969-970
XU7G71B*	Dilation of vagina with temporary electromechanical intraluminal device, via natural or artificial opening, new technology group 11	N		
XW0330B*	Introduction of alpha1-proteinase inhibitor into peripheral vein, percutaneous approach, new technology group 11	N		
XW0331B**	Introduction of anitocabtagene autoleucel immunotherapy into peripheral vein, percutaneous approach, new technology group 11	N	Pre-MDC	018
XW0430B*	Introduction of alpha1-proteinase inhibitor into central vein, percutaneous approach, new technology group 11	N		
XW0431B**	Introduction of anitocabtagene autoleucel immunotherapy into central vein, percutaneous approach, new technology group 11	N	Pre-MDC	018

XW0534B*	Introduction of somatic stem cells into peripheral artery, percutaneous approach, new technology group 11	N		
XW0632B*	Introduction of CPI-601 enzyme replacement therapy into cerebral ventricle, percutaneous approach, new technology group 11	N		
XW0E33B*	Introduction of DB-OTO via intracochlear infusion into ear(s), percutaneous approach, new technology group 11	N		

*As the procedure codes are designated as non-O.R. procedures, there is no assigned MDC or MS-DRG. The ICD-10 MS-DRG assignment is dependent on the reported principal diagnosis, any secondary diagnoses defined as a complication or comorbidity (CC) or major complication or comorbidity (MCC), procedures or services performed, age, sex, and discharge status.

**Non-O.R. procedure affecting the MS-DRG assignment.

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The Code Tables, Index and related Addenda files for the 80 new procedure codes will be available at: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding-billing/icd-10-codes>