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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:

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

One Time Notification

Attachment - One-Time Notification

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II. 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/determination-process/basics/icd-10>

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.

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/files/zip/Medicare-Coverage-DeterminationProcess-CR14356.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.

III. 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	CFW	
14356.1	<p>NCD 210.10 Screening STI and HIBC to Prevent STIs</p> <p>Contractors shall add CPT 87494 (used for combined chlamydia and gonorrhea testing) as a covered code for this policy effective January 1, 2026.</p> <p>This includes MCS edits 079D/169D, FISS RC 59170-59171.</p> <p>See attached spreadsheet.</p>	X	X			X	X		X	
14356.2	<p>NCD 150.13 Percutaneous Image-Guided Lumbar Decompression (PILD) for Lumbar Spinal Stenosis</p> <p>Contractors shall end date CPT code 0275T effective December 31, 2025, and add CPT code 62330 effective January 1, 2026.</p> <p>Contractors shall add Part B POS code 19 effective January 1, 2016.</p>	X	X			X	X			

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14356.3	NCD 90.2 Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) Effective July 2, 2025, contractors shall add CPT 81479 for DNA sequencing for the FDA approved Oncomine Dx Express Test until a specific PLA code is established.	X	X							
14356.4	NCD 250.4 Treatment of Actinic Keratosis Contractors shall delete HCPCS code J7309 effective December 31, 2025.	X	X							
14356.5	NCD 110.18 Aprepitant for Chemotherapy-Induced Emesis Contractors shall add HCPCS code C9308 to the list of chemotherapeutic drugs associated with this policy effective January 1, 2026. Contractors shall delete HCPCS code J9151 effective December 31, 2025.	X			X					
14356.6	NCD 160.18 Vagus Nerve Stimulation (VNS) Contractors shall note that NCD 160.18 is specific to Vagus Nerve Stimulation (VNS) for medically refractory partial onset seizures for whom surgery is not recommended or for whom surgery has failed and treatment-resistant depression, it is unrelated to obstructive sleep apnea. The ICD-10 diagnosis code G47.33 for obstructive sleep apnea is being removed from the covered indications for NCD 160.18 under CPT 64568. Contractors shall update any	X	X			X	X			

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	previous system logic with this CPT and diagnosis code combination accordingly effective January 1, 2025. Coverage determinations for non-VNS indications remain at MAC discretion. See attached spreadsheet.									
14356.7	NCD 160.18 Vagus Nerve Stimulation (VNS) Part A MACs should suspend FISS RCs 59039 and 59040 at MAC discretion to allow coverage of diagnosis codes that have an indication outside of NCD 160.18.	X								
14356.8	NCD 220.6.17 Positron Emission Tomography (PET) (FDG) for Oncologic Conditions Contractors shall add ICD-10 Dx code R93.89 effective October 1, 2018. See spreadsheet.	X	X							
14356.9	Contractors shall not search for any claims but shall adjust claims that are brought to their attention.	X	X							

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, A/B MAC Part B

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:
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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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ATTACHMENTS: Section B.

Alternative Access to the NCD Files

Use the access link below in the event that the hyperlink in the body of the original CR is not operating properly.

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