



Update to the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-02, Chapter 11 - End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), Section 100)

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Related Change Request (CR) Number: CR 10366

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PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is intended 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

Change Request (CR) 10366 updates the “Medicare Benefit Policy Manual” (Publication 100-02, Chapter 11 (End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)), Section 100 (Payment for Renal Dialysis Services Furnished to Individuals with Acute Kidney Injury (AKI))). Note that CR10366 contains no policy changes. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these updates.

BACKGROUND

On June 29, 2015, the Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015, available at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-114publ27/pdf/PLAW-114publ27.pdf> was enacted in which Section 808 amended Section 1861(s)(2)(F) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)(F)) by extending renal dialysis services paid under the Social Security Act (Section 1881(b)(14)) to beneficiaries with acute kidney injury, effective January 1, 2017.

As previously stated, CR10366 presents no new policy. It only updates the “Medicare Benefit Policy Manual” to include information communicated previously in other CRs regarding Medicare coverage or renal dialysis furnished to individuals with AKI. The updated manual section is attached to CT10366.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR10366, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R240BP.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map/>.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date of Change	Description
January 19, 2018	Initial article released.

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