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**DATE:** December 13, 2018

**TO:** All Medicare Advantage Organizations, PACE Organizations, Medicare-Medicaid Plans, Section 1833 Cost Contractors and Section 1876 Cost Contractors, and Demonstrations

**FROM:** Jennifer R. Shapiro, Acting Director, Medicare Plan Payment Group

**SUBJECT:** December 2018 Encounter Data Software Release

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to implement software improvements to the systems related to accepting and processing encounter data to support the Medicare Advantage (MA) program. This memorandum provides detailed information regarding the release of systems changes that will be implemented on December 21, 2018, as well as submission and policy guidance related to these changes, if applicable.

System improvements can fall into 3 categories: (1) corrections or modifications to the logic for existing edits to align with program policies, (2) changes in the disposition status of existing edits, and (3) implementation of new edits. The categories reflected in this release are (1) and (3), and can be found in Table 1. Disposition of both edit codes are informational.

The Encounter Data Processing System (EDPS) changes are as follows and may require plan action:

**Table 1: Changes to Edit Logic reported on MAO-002 Reports**

<b>Edit Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Modification Type</b> (1=correction/modification to an existing edit; 2=change in disposition status; 3=new edit)	<b>Modules Edit Applies to (INST, PRF, or DME)</b>	<b>Edit Disposition</b> I=Informational R=Reject D = Deactivated
00175	Verteprofin Updated applicable diagnosis codes <sup>1</sup>	12/21/2018	1	PROF/INST	I
22495	GT Modifier Invalid for Type of Service As of October 1, 2018, the GT modifier is only allowed on Institutional claims billed under Outpatient Critical Access Hospital (CAH).  This edit is bypassed for chart review records.	12/21/2018	3	INST	I

Questions can be addressed to [encounterdata@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:encounterdata@cms.hhs.gov), please specify, “December 2018-Encounter Data Software Release” in the subject line.

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<sup>1</sup> For Edit 00175 ICD-10 Diagnosis code H35.32 was terminated as of 9/30/2016 and new ICD-10 Diagnosis codes were introduced effective as of DOS 10/01/2016. The following ICD-10 Diagnosis codes are effective for DOS on or after 10/01/2016: H35.3210, H35.3211, H35.3212, H35.3213, H35.3220, H35.3221, H35.3222, H35.3223, H35.3230, H35.3231, H35.3232, or H35.3233.