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Transmittal 2243	Date: February 1, 2019
	Change Request 11134

SUBJECT: International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) and Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determination (NCDs)

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This Change Request (CR) constitutes 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, long-standing NCD process.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019 - Unless otherwise indicated

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 1, 2019 - MAC local edits April 2, 2019

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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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This CR constitutes 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/CR11134.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. 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

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			D M E	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
11134.1	NCD20.29 Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBO) Contractors shall note descriptor correction of ICD-10 dx L59.8. See spreadsheet.	X	X							
11134.2	NCD110.18 Aprepitant for Chemotherapy-Induced Emesis Contractors shall add CPT J9153 effective 1/1/19 to list of chemotherapeutic drugs recognized by Medicare as eligible for Aprepitant. See spreadsheet.	X			X					
11134.3	NCD110.23 Stem Cell Transplantation Contractors shall add ICD-10 dx D47.1 effective 7/1/19. See spreadsheet.	X	X			X	X			
11134.4	NCD160.18 Vagus Nerve Stimulation (VNS) Contractors shall end-date CPT 95974, 95975 effective 12/31/18. Contractors shall add CPT 95976, 95977 effective 1/1/19 and note their descriptor changes. See spreadsheet.	X	X			X	X			
11134.5	NCD160.24 Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) Contractors shall add CPT 95983, 95984 to local edits effective 1/1/19. Contractors shall end-date CPT 95978, 95979 effective 12/31/18.	X	X							

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		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	See spreadsheet.									
11134.6	Contractors shall adjust any claims processed in error associated with CR11134 that are brought to their attention.	X	X		X					
11134.7	Contractors shall use default CAQH CORE messages where appropriate when denying claims associated with the attached NCDs, except where otherwise indicated: RARC N386 with CARC 50, 96, and/or 119. See latest CAQH CORE update.	X	X		X					
11134.7.1	<p>MACs shall use:</p> <p>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 ABN is on file).</p> <p>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 MSN 8.81 per instructions in CR 7228/TR 2148.</p> <p>NOTE: This replicates the note under the Policy section.</p>	X	X		X					
11134.8	<p>NCD150.3 Bone Mineral Density Studies</p> <p>Contractors shall add CPT 0508T effective 7/1/18.</p> <p>See spreadsheet.</p>	X	X							
11134.9	<p>NCD110.21 ESAs in Cancer and Related Neoplastic Conditions</p> <p>Contractors shall add HCPCS Q5106 effective 7/1/18.</p> <p>See spreadsheet.</p>	X	X			X	X			
11134.10	Contractors shall ATTEND up to three (3) 1-hour calls to conduct analysis and explore options to implement outstanding edit issues for the January 2020 release as they pertain to ICD-10 and NCDs. The scheduling of the calls will occur after this CR has been issued.	X	X			X	X			

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		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
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III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
11134.11	MLN Article: CMS will make available an MLN Matters provider education article that will be marketed through the MLN Connects weekly newsletter shortly after the CR is released. MACs shall follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1, instructions for distributing MLN Connects information to providers, posting the article or a direct link to the article on your website, and including the article or a direct link to the article in your bulletin or newsletter. You may supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information benefiting your provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly. Subscribe to the "MLN Matters" listserv to get article release notifications, or review them in the MLN Connects weekly newsletter.	X	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

Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Patricia Brocato-Simons, 410-786-0261 or patricia.brocato-simons@cms.hhs.gov (Coverage)

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

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