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	Change Request 9751

SUBJECT: Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determination (NCDs)

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This change request (CR) is the 9th maintenance update of ICD-10 conversions and other coding updates specific to national coverage determinations (NCDs). The majority of the NCDs included are a result of feedback received from previous ICD-10 NCD CR7818, CR8109, CR8197, CR8691, CR9087, CR9252, CR9540, and CR9631. Some are the result of revisions required to other NCD-related CRs released separately.

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2017 - Unless otherwise noted

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 3, 2017

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 change request (CR) is the 9th maintenance update of ICD-10 conversions and other coding updates specific to national coverage determinations (NCDs). The majority of the NCDs included are a result of feedback received from previous ICD-10 NCD CR7818, CR8109, CR8197, CR8691, CR9087, CR9252, CR9540, and CR9631. Some are the result of revisions required to other NCD-related CRs released separately.

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/CR9751.zip>

CLARIFICATION: Coding (as well as payment) are separate and distinct areas 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 1-1 matches, nor are all ICD-10 codes appearing in a complete 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 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 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 CAQH CORE messages where appropriate: RARC N386 with 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 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 MSN 8.81 per instructions in CR 7228/TR 2148.

II. 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		
9751.1	<p>NCD260.1 Adult Liver Transplants</p> <p>Contractors shall update their local edits and shared edits to reflect the additional diagnoses codes in the spreadsheet categorized as nationally covered, nationally non-covered, and discretionary effective 10/1/15.</p> <p>FISS will develop a new reason code to replace local edits to assign when one of the discretionary diagnosis codes are present. Consistency edit RC 32918 will be modified to remove dx check and check for provider liver transplant certification when procedure codes approved for liver transplants are present.</p> <p>MCS will revise edits to assign when discretionary codes are present.</p> <p>Contractors shall ensure that FISS RCs 59101, 59102, 32918, MCS edit 026L are reactivated effective with implementation of this CR9751.</p>	X	X			X	X				
9751.2	<p>NCD190.3 Cytogenetic Studies</p> <p>Contractors shall update their local and shared edits to include the additional discretionary diagnoses codes in the spreadsheet effective 10/1/15.</p> <p>FISS will develop a new reason code to replace local edits to assign when one of the discretionary diagnosis codes are present.</p> <p>MCS will revise edits to assign when discretionary codes are present.</p> <p>Contractors shall ensure that FISS RCs 59154, 59155, and MCS edit 044L are reactivated effective with implementation of this CR9751.</p>	X	X			X	X				
9751.3	<p>NCD220.6.20 PET Beta Amyloid in Dementia/Neurological/ Disorders</p>	X	X			X	X			X	

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		A/B MAC		H H H	D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other	
		A	B			F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F		
	<p>Contractors shall update edits to remove HCPCS codes C9458 and C9459 from NCD policy effective 6/30/16 as reflected in the spreadsheet.</p> <p>Contractors shall add Q9982 and Q9983 effective 7/1/16 as reflected in the spreadsheet. MCS edit 010K & 011K</p> <p>CWF shall add 1x per lifetime frequency to Q9982 and Q9983 effective 7/1/16.</p> <p>Contractors shall update CARC/RARC messages as indicated in spreadsheet to adhere to CORE.</p>										
9751.4	<p>NCD20.19 Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring (ABPM)</p> <p>Contractors shall be aware that POS 22 Outpatient Hospital has been added to the policy as reflected in the spreadsheet.</p> <p>Contractors shall be aware that POS 19 Outpatient Hospital Off-Campus has been added to the policy as reflected in the spreadsheet.</p> <p>Contractors shall be aware that TOB 14X Outpatient Hospital Non-Patient has been deleted from the policy as reflected in the spreadsheet.</p> <p>MCS edit 218D, FISS RCs 59005-59008.</p>	X	X			X	X				
9751.5	<p>NCD220.6.17 FDG PET for Solid Tumors</p> <p>Contractors shall add to their local edits new HCPCS C9461, Choline C-11, diagnostic, per study, to this policy effective 4/1/16. The edits shall mirror those for HCPCS A9552 effective 6/11/13 in CR8739. See 8739-04.4.1, 8739-04.5, 8739-04.6, 8739-04.6.1, 8739-04.6.2, 8739-04.6.3.</p> <p>Contractors shall update CARC/RARC messages as indicated in spreadsheet to adhere to CORE.</p>	X	X								
9751.6	<p>NCD20.33 Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair (TMVR) Therapy</p>	X				X					

Number	Requirement	Responsibility							
		A/B MAC		D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
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	attention.								

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility					
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I	I
		A	B	H H H			
9751.15	MLN Article: A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/ shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within 5 business days after receipt of the notification from CMS announcing the availability of the article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	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

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

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ATTACHMENTS: 11 – Refer to URL Section I B. Policy (URL Link to Spreadsheets-Attachments)