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News

CMS Launches New Medicare.gov Feature to Compare Nursing Homes by Vaccination Rate

CMS is making it easier to check COVID-19 vaccination rates for nursing home staff and residents with a new feature on [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov). This announcement makes vaccination data available in a user-friendly format to help people make informed decisions when choosing a nursing home for themselves or a loved one. CMS and the CDC continue using this data to monitor vaccine uptake among residents and staff and identify facilities that may need additional resources or assistance to respond to the pandemic.

More Information:

- [Full press release](#)
- [COVID-19 Nursing Home Data](#) webpage

Drugs of Abuse Testing: Comparative Billing Report in September

In late September, CMS will issue a Comparative Billing Report (CBR) on Medicare Part B claims for drugs of abuse testing. Use the data-driven report to compare your billing practices with those of your peers in your state and across the nation.

CBRs aren't publicly available. Look for an email from cbrpepper.noreply@religroupinc.com to access your report. Update your email address in the Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System to ensure delivery.

More Information:

- [View a webinar recording](#)
- [Visit the CBR website](#)
- [Register for a live webinar](#) on October 6 from 3-4 pm ET

Cardiovascular Disease: Talk to your Patients about Screening

Medicare covers cardiovascular disease screening tests, and your patients pay nothing if you accept assignment. During National Cholesterol Education Month and World Heart Day, talk to your patients about cardiovascular disease, cholesterol, and stroke.

More Information:

- [Preventive Services](#) webpage
- [Million Hearts®](#) website
- [CDC Cholesterol](#) webpage
- [World Heart Day](#) website
- Information for your patients on [cardiovascular disease screenings](#)

Compliance

DMEPOS Items: Ordering or Referring Practitioner Requirements

All claims for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) resulting from a practitioner's order or referral must include the physician's name. Additionally, they must provide medical records upon request. For more information, see section 10.4 of the [Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 26](#).

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

ESRD Facilities: Bill Correctly for Cinacalcet Oral Drug

Beginning January 1, 2021, the cinacalcet oral drug is eligible for consideration as an ESRD outlier service:

- Report the number of tablets or pills, not the number of units (for example, milligrams)
- Report revenue code 250 with the national drug code
- Don't use revenue code 0636 with HCPCS code J0604

More Information:

- [MLN Matters Article MM12011](#), page 7
- [ESRD PPS Outlier Services](#) webpage
- [Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 11](#), §20.3.C
- [Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 8](#), §60.2.1.2

MLN Matters® Articles

Claims Processing Instructions for National Coverage Determination 20.33 – Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair (TEER) for Mitral Valve Regurgitation

[Learn how to submit TEER claims.](#)

National Coverage Determination (NCD) 270.3 Blood-Derived Products for Chronic, Non-Healing Wounds

[Learn about this NCD, effective April 13, 2021.](#)

October 2021 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System

[Learn about HCPCS updates.](#)

Medicare Clarifies Recognition of Interstate License Compact Pathways — Revised

[Read clarified language](#) about licenses that certain providers get through interstate licensing compact pathways.

Publications

Medicare Vision Services — Revised

[Read new information](#) in this Medicare Learning Network fact sheet:

- Added language on cataracts, ambulatory surgical centers, and code Z13.5
- Added CPT codes 66988 and 66987
- Added glaucoma screening services billing revenue codes and type of service codes
- Get resources to advance health equity and help eliminate health disparities

Power Mobility Devices — Revised

[Read new information](#) in this Medicare Learning Network booklet:

- Added information on policies, standard written orders, face-to-face encounters, and the master list
- Removed information on 7-element order; detailed product description, 45-day order time frame, face-to-face documentation receipt, delivery requirements, and date stamp
- Changed face-to-face exam to face-to-face encounter

Transitional Care Management Services — Revised

[Read new information](#) in this Medicare Learning Network booklet:

- Added codes you can bill concurrently
- Added language about auxiliary personnel providing services under supervision

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