



International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) and Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) – October 2021

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, providers, and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare patients.

Provider Action Needed

This Article tells you about updates of ICD-10 conversions and other coding updates specific to National Coverage Determinations (NCDs). These changes result from:

- Newly available codes
- Separate NCD coding revisions
- Coding feedback received

[Previous NCD coding changes](#) are available. At that site, you will find other CRs concerning policy NCDs. Also, see the [NCD spreadsheets](#) for CR 12279.

CMS isn't including any policy changes this ICD-10 quarterly update. We cover NCD policy changes using the current, longstanding NCD process. Make sure your billing staff knows of these changes.

Background

Transitions from ICD-9 to ICD-10 aren't 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. We no longer provide GEMs mappings as of October 1, 2019.

Relevant NCD coding changes in CR 12124 include:

- NCD 30.3.3 – Acupuncture for Chronic Low-Back Pain
- NCD 20.33 – Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair/Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair (TMVR/TEER)

MACs will adjust any claims processed in error associated with CR 12279 that you bring to their attention.

More Information

We issued [CR 12279](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, contact your [MAC](#).

Document History

Date of Change	Description
May 27, 2021	Initial article released.

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