



Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for October 2021

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is for physicians, other providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services they provide to Medicare patients.

Provider Action Needed

Make sure that your billing staff is aware of these changes.

Background

This Article tells you that there are changes in the October 2021 quarterly release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services.

In accordance with the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, [Chapter 16, Section 120.2](#), CMS updates the laboratory edit module as necessary to reflect coding updates and substantive changes to the NCDs. The changes are a result of coding analysis decisions developed under the procedures for maintenance of codes in the negotiated NCDs and biannual updates of the ICD-10-CM codes. This allows us to process laboratory claims subject to one of the 23 NCDs (see Medicare National Coverage Determination, [Sections 190.12 - 190.34](#)) uniformly throughout the nation.

You may want to access the [NCD spreadsheet we included with CR 12384](#).

More Information

We issued [CR 12384](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

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

Document History

Date of Change	Description
July 15, 2021	Initial article released.

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