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	Change Request 11845

SUBJECT: Annual (2021) Update of the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM)

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This instruction provides the Medicare contractors with the 2021 ICD-10-CM updates. This Recurring Update Notification applies to Chapter 23, Section 10.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2020

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 5, 2020

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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:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The ICD-10-CM codes are updated as stated in Pub. 100-04, chapter 23, section 10. The CMS will provide full file replacements to Medicare contractors annually.

B. Policy: The updated diagnosis codes are effective for dates of service/discharges on and after October 1, 2020.

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		M A C	F I S S	M C S	V M S		C W F
11845.1	Contractors shall be aware that CMS will announce the availability of the annual ICD-10 diagnosis file replacement, via email, approximately six weeks prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.		X		X						
11845.2	Contractors shall download the ICD-10 files from the CMS Data Center.		X		X						
11845.3	Contractors shall note that the ICD-10 file name format will be as follows: Diagnosis Code file: MU00.ICD10.PARTB.DIAGNOS.Vxxxxxx NOTE: In the version number "Vxxxxxx", "xxxxxx" represents the date CMS uploaded the file to the mainframe.		X		X						
11845.4	Contractors shall notify the appropriate "line of business" CMS contact(s) listed on this CR if the upload date (the last 6 digits of the version number)		X		X						

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	does not correspond to the current fiscal year or if there are any issues with loading the file.									
11845.5	Contractors shall evaluate all local edits that contain ICD-10-CM codes, update, and test as needed.		X		X					

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		
	None					

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): Brian Reitz, 410-786-5001 or Brian.Reitz@cms.hhs.gov , Eric Coulson, 410-786-3352 or Eric.Coulson@cms.hhs.gov

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

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