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	Change Request 11593

SUBJECT: Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for April 2020

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This Change Request (CR) announces the changes that will be included in the April 2020 quarterly release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services. This recurring update notification applies to chapter 16, section 120.2, publication 100-04.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2020 - Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 6, 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):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

Number	Requirement	Responsibility									
		A/B MAC			D M E	Shared-System Maintainers				Other	
		A	B	H H H		F M V C	I C M W	S S S F			
11593.2	The module developer shall add ICD-10 CM codes provided in the link effective 10/1/2019 to the list of ICD-10-CM codes that are not medically necessary for the Blood Counts (190.15) NCD.										
11593.3	The module developer shall add the ICD-10 CM code provided in the link effective 10/1/2019 to the list of ICD-10-CM codes that are covered by Medicare for the Serum Iron Studies (190.18) NCD.										Fu Associates
11593.4	The module developer shall provide the revised software as a mainframe (i.e., load module) to CMS to be distributed to the SSMs.										Fu Associates
11593.5	The SSMs shall install the edit module after testing and distribute it to the contractors as part of their routine release.					X	X				

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility						
		A/B MAC			D M E	C E D I		
		A	B	H H H			M A C	
11593.6	MLN Article: CMS will make available an MLN Matters provider education article that will be marketed through the MLN Connects weekly newsletter shortly after the CR is released. MACs shall follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1, instructions for distributing MLN Connects information to providers, posting the article or a direct link to the article on your website, and including the article or a direct link to the article in your bulletin or newsletter. You may supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information benefiting your provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly. Subscribe to the “MLN Matters” listserv to get article release notifications, or review them in the MLN Connects weekly newsletter.	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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