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April 26, 2024

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News

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[Open claim issues](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00003625)

Claims for CPT 0621T or HCPCS J7353, may be processed incorrectly. Providers should bring impacted claims to our attention to be adjusted. Providers may also choose to adjust impacted claims on their own using the TOB xx7 and the claims will be suspended to be corrected by the MAC upon receipt.

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

Revised:

* [MM13449 - Stay of Enrollment](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13449-stay-enrollment.pdf)

CMS revised the effective, implementation dates, and the web address of CR 13449.

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[Preventive services/screenings](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008244)

Expand patient access to annual wellness visits (AWV) by offering the service via telehealth at your patient’s next visit. Learn more by reviewing our Preventive services/screenings article.

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[Change Healthcare providers should now discontinue paper claim submissions](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00287981)

Now that Change Healthcare and Optum have restored their customers’ ability to electronically bill Medicare, providers should discontinue submitting paper claim forms.

[Medical policy update](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00006150)

View the most recent updates for our LCDs and articles.

[Online registration available for May 24 open meeting and proposed LCDs now posted](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00007707)

Online registration for the Friday, May 24 open meeting is now available and presenter registration will close at noon ET on Wednesday, May 22. Important: Our open meeting will be held via webinar only. Please view our proposed local coverage determination open meetings web page for specific guidelines and other helpful information.

April 23, 2024

[Guidelines for enrolling Marriage and family therapist (MFT)](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00290781)

Please take a minute to review our new article on Marriage and Family therapist (MFT). This article is also linked in our [Qualification and documentation requirements for providers and suppliers article](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00287055).

April 22, 2024

[May 2024 Calendar of Events](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008010)

Our event calendar has been updated and new events are open for registration.

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April 19, 2024

[Leqembi for monoclonal antibodies directed against amyloid for the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00278911)

Please take a moment to review the updated information regarding the National Clinical Trail number.

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April 18, 2024

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News

* PrEP for HIV: Prepare for Potential Medicare Part B Coverage

Events

* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule Upcoming Meetings: Register to Present, Speak, or Attend in Person by June 1

Publications

* Medicare Preventive Services — Revised
* Original Medicare vs. Medicare Advantage — Revised

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April 17, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13512 - National Coverage Determination 20.7: Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13215-national-coverage-determination-207-percutaneous-transluminal-angioplasty.pdf)

Learn about changes in coverage for PTA of the carotid artery concurrent with stenting effective October 11, 2023:

* Patients don’t have to enroll in a clinical trial.
* Facilities don’t need CMS approval to perform this service.
* You must engage in formal shared decision-making with the patient.
* MACs can decide if this service is covered if it’s not addressed in this NCD.

Your MAC will adjust claims processed in error that you bring to their attention.

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April 16, 2024

[PC-ACE training webinar - April 22](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008010)

Visit the Event Calendar to register today.

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

Revised:

* [MM13574 - DMEPOS Fee Schedule: April 2024 Quarterly Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13574-dmepos-fee-schedule-april-2024-quarterly-update.pdf)

CMS revised the article to show the addition of 4 HCPCS Level II codes to CWF category 58, the effective date, and the web address of CR13574.

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April 15, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13587 - Medicare Claims Processing Manual Update: Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13587-medicare-claims-processing-manual-update-inpatient-rehabilitation-facility.pdf)

Make sure your billing staffs know:

* Hospitals may open a new IRF unit at any time during the cost reporting year.
* Any IRF unit excluded during a cost reporting year will stay excluded for the rest of the cost reporting year.

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April 12, 2024

[Medical policy update](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00006150" \t "_top)

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April 11, 2024

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Proposed Payment Rule

* CMS Proposes New Policies to Support Underserved Communities, Ease Drug Shortages, and Promote Patient Safety

News

* CMS Roundup (Apr. 5, 2024)
* Medicare Shared Savings Program: Application Toolkit Materials
* CMS Health Information Handler Helps You Submit Medical Review Documentation Electronically
* Help Improve the Health of Minority Populations

Compliance

* Advance Care Planning: Bill Correctly for Services

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody: New Codes for PEMGARDA
* HCPCS Application Summaries & Coding Decisions: Drugs & Biologicals

MLN Matters® Articles

* Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Update – April 2024

Publications

* Medical Record Maintenance & Access Requirements — Revised

From Our Federal Partners

* Extended & Large-Scale Emergency Resources
* Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus: Identification of Human Infection and Recommendations for Investigations and Response

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Electronic billing restored for providers impacted by the Change Healthcare cybersecurity incident

Change Healthcare connections have been transitioned to Optum. Discuss setup changes with your clearinghouse representatives today to resume electronic billing. Paper claims should no longer be submitted as an alternative due to this cybersecurity incident.

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April 9, 2024

Electronic billing restored for providers impacted by the Change Healthcare cybersecurity incident

All impacted providers are instructed to resume electronic billing as soon as possible.

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April 5, 2024

[Spotlight on the Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT)](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00272106)

Did you know? Responding to medical records requests from any Medicare Contractor is a requirement from CMS. Non-response to these requests will result in claim denials. Non-response and insufficient documentation are the most common causes for Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) denials. To ensure you receive requests verify your “Medicare Record Corresponding Mailing Address” is current in PECOS. Make sure you examine the Additional Documentation Request (ADR) request carefully and submit complete medical record documentation, in a timely manner, to the correct address listed. Visit our [Education Spotlight](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00272106) page and our [CERT specialty](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/CERT_JL) page for CERT information.

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April 4, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Apr 4, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTAzLTA0LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNDA0LjkyODY0NzQxIn0.qmvENexYJFYn2gsUI9CmfGIwRQk73g25KV6DF2A7Cwc/s/741183389/br/240157942049-l)

Proposed Payment Rules

* FY 2025 Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule
* FY 2025 Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System & Quality Reporting Updates Proposed Rule
* FY 2025 Hospice Payment Rate Update Proposed Rule

News

* ESRD Claims: Manual Update to Revise Section Title & Correct Condition Codes

Compliance

* Surgical Dressings: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files & Revisions: April Update
* DMEPOS: Provider Level Adjustment Codes on Remittance Advice

MLN Matters® Articles

* Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: April 2024 Update

From Our Federal Partners

* Providers Accepting CHAMPVA: Enroll in Direct Deposit Now
* Increase in Invasive Serogroup Y Meningococcal Disease in the U.S.
* Health Care Preparedness Resources

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April 2, 2024

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April 1, 2024

Understanding the Novitasphere enrollment message.

Please read this article for more information.

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March 28, 2024

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Proposed Payment Rule

* FY 2025 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule

News

* CMS Roundup (Mar 22, 2024)
* Hospital Price Transparency: Tools to Help Hospitals Comply by July 1

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Integrated Outpatient Code Editor Version 25.1

MLN Matters® Articles

* DMEPOS Fee Schedule: April 2024 Quarterly Update
* Electronic Medical Documentation Requests via the Electronic Submission of Medical Documentation System — Revised

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March 27, 2024

[Claim submission options for impacted providers of the Change Healthcare cybersecurity incident](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00288181)

This updated article provides claim submission details needed by providers impacted by the recent Change Healthcare cybersecurity incident.

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[Remittance options for impacted providers of the Change Healthcare cybersecurity incident](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00289582)

This updated article provides remittance details needed by providers impacted by the recent Change Healthcare cybersecurity incident.

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March 26, 2024

Limited Systems Availability

There will be Common Working File (CWF) “dark days” March 29-31, due to the April 2024 release installation. The interactive voice response (IVR) will have limited availability. Additionally, the Customer Contact Center will be closed Friday, March 29.

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13658 - Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: April 2024 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13568-hospital-outpatient-prospective-payment-system-april-2024-update.pdf)

Make sure your billing staffs know about these payment system updates for April:

* New CPT & HCPCS codes.
* Covered devices for OPPS pass-through payments
* Edit for Level 6 intraocular procedures ambulatory payment classification (APC)
* iDose TR (travoprost intracameral implant) for the treatment of glaucoma
* Clarification on the OPPS status indicator for the cardiovascular remote interrogation device evaluation
* Payment for intensive cardiac rehabilitation services (ICR) in an off-campus, non-excepted provider-based department (PBD) of a hospital
* Drugs, biologicals, and radiopharmaceuticals
* Skin substitutes

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March 25, 2024

[April Event Calendar](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008010)

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New:

* [MM13574 - DMEPOS Fee Schedule: April 2024 Quarterly Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13574-dmepos-fee-schedule-april-2024-quarterly-update.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows about updates to CY 2024 fee schedule amounts for new and existing DMEPOS codes and changes in payment policy.

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March 21, 2024

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News

* New Initiative to Increase Investments in Person-Centered Primary Care
* Marriage and Family Therapists & Mental Health Counselors: Get Information about Billing Medicare
* Electronic Funds Transfer: Revised CMS-588 Required on May 1
* Health-Related Social Needs FAQs
* Promote Kidney Health During National Kidney Month

MLN Matters® Articles

* Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination Edit Software: July 2024 Update
* Medicare Claims Processing Manual Updates – HCPCS Billing Codes & Advance Beneficiary Notice of Non-coverage Requirements

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[Preventive services/screenings](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008244)

Please review the Medicare’s annual wellness visit (AWV) telehealth options: Ways to improve your Medicare patient’s access to AWV within this article.

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Treatment of Medicare Part C days in the calculation of a hospital's Medicare disproportionate patient percentage

On February 21, CMS issued [Change Request (CR) 13294](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r12513otn.pdf) to implement the Medicare program final action: Treatment of Medicare Part C days in the calculation of a hospital’s Medicare disproportionate patient percentage, to provide guidance for the treatment of Medicare Part C days in the calculation of a provider's Medicare disproportionate share hospital adjustment.

This CR provides guidance to MACs on how to address Medicare cost reports including original notices of program reimbursement currently on hold, reopenings on hold, and remanded Provider Reimbursement Review Board appeals. For additional information, including the background, Final Rule policy, and timelines for MAC actions, please review [CR 13294](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r12513otn.pdf).

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This updated article provides claim submission and ERA details needed by providers impacted by the recent Change Healthcare cybersecurity incident.

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Revised CMS-588 required by May 1

CMS revised the Medicare Enrollment Application - Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Authorization Agreement ([CMS-588](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/Downloads/CMS588.pdf)). Please refer to our article for more information.

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March 19, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13554 - Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination Edit Software: July 2024 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13554-changes-laboratory-national-coverage-determination-edit-software-july-2024-update.pdf)

Make sure your billing staffs know about Newly available codes, Recent coding changes, and how to find NCD coding information.

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March 18, 2024

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March 15, 2024

Opioid treatment programs (OTP's)

Updates have been made to the [frequently asked questions](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00219902) and the [OTP specialty page](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00218102). Take time to review these updates.

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13548 - Medicare Claims Processing Manual Updates – HCPCS Billing Codes & Advance Beneficiary Notice of Non-coverage Requirements](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/medicare-claims-processing-manual-updates-hcpcs-billing-codes-advance-beneficiary-notice-non.pdf)

Make sure your staff knows about:

* Using HCPCS codes G0402, G0438, and G0439 for billing initial preventive physical examination (IPPE) and annual wellness visit (AWV) services.
* Not billing CPT codes 99381-99397 (comprehensive preventive medicine evaluation and management services) for IPPE and AWV services.
* Giving your patients an advance beneficiary notice of non-coverage (ABN) for certain preventive services.

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March 14, 2024

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News

* CMS Roundup (Mar 8, 2024)
* Marriage and Family Therapists & Mental Health Counselors: Updated Enrollment FAQs
* Skilled Nursing Facilities: Billing Medicare for Respiratory Vaccines
* Colorectal Cancer: Screening Saves Lives

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Web Pricer: Send Us Your Feedback by April 15
* ICD-10 Medicare Severity Diagnosis-Related Group Version 41.1 — Updated

MLN Matters® Articles

* New Waived Tests
* Stay of Enrollment

Publications

* Federally Qualified Health Center — Revised
* Information for Rural Health Clinics — Revised
* Medicare & Mental Health Coverage — Revised

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March 8, 2024

[Claim submission options for impacted providers of the Change Healthcare cybersecurity incident](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00287981)

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March 7, 2024

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News

* HHS Statement Regarding the Cyberattack on Change Healthcare
* Final Guidance to Help People with Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Manage Prescription Drug Costs
* Current Status of Blood Tests for Organ Transplant Rejection
* Opioid Use Disorder: Medicare Pays for Certain Treatment Services
* Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program: March Confidential Feedback Reports
* Marriage and Family Therapists & Mental Health Counselors: Manual Updates
* Nutrition-Related Health Conditions: Recommend Medicare Preventive Services

Compliance

* Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility Services: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* National Correct Coding Initiative: April Update
* RARCs, CARCs, Medicare Remit Easy Print, & PC Print: April Update

Publications

* Proper Use of Modifiers 59, XE, XP, XS, & XU — Revised

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[Medical policy update](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00006150)

View the most recent updates for our LCDs and articles.

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March 6, 2024

[Novitasphere events](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00286381)

Educational events reviewing the Novitasphere features are coming soon!

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March 5, 2024

[Submit claims and retrieve remittance using Novitasphere](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00286381)

Novitasphere includes features to submit electronic claim files and retrieve remittance information. The Claims Submission/ERA feature in Novitasphere provides a direct connection to the Novitas system to transfer electronic claim files.

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March 4, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13449 - Stay of Enrollment](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13449-stay-enrollment.pdf)

Make sure your staff knows about a new provider enrollment status called a stay of enrollment and updates to the Medicare Program Integrity Manual, Chapter 10.

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February 29, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Feb 29, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTAyLTI5LW1sbmMtMCIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDAyMjkuOTEwMTMxMjEifQ.jHOK8bz0WADfhs0KJY3-XF2OM6Ei1Z5sVMkbrsBc3ps/s/741183389/br/237943536841-l)

Events

* ICD-10 Coordination & Maintenance Committee Meeting — March 19–20

MLN Matters® Articles

* Appropriate Use Criteria for Advanced Diagnostic Imaging: CY 2024 Update
* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule & Laboratory Services Reasonable Charge Payment: Quarterly Update

Publications

* Medicare Coverage of Diabetes Supplies
* Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System: Tip Sheet for Rural & Super Rural Organizations

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[Activation of systematic validation edits for OPPS providers with multiple service locations](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00208509)

This article is for the activation of systemic edits for outpatient prospective payment system (OPPS) providers that have multiple service locations submitting claims to A/B MACs based upon guidance in [Special Edition article SE19007](https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE19007.pdf).

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[Medical policy update](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00006150)

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[Reminder: Clinical lab providers - Molecular diagnostic pathology survey (Gapfill) ends March 15](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00246106)

Novitas seeks your input on establishing pricing under the Medicare program for the 2024 Gapfill laboratory test codes. If you have not already done so, please complete our Molecular diagnostic pathology survey and associated cost worksheet by March 15. Please complete a separate survey and associated cost sheet for each test you perform.

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February 28, 2024

March Event Calendar

Our [Event Calendar](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008010) has been updated and new events are open for registration.

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February 26, 2024

[Appropriate use criteria (AUC) program for advanced diagnostic imaging services](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00247906)

Effective January 1, 2024, providers and suppliers should no longer include AUC consultation information on Medicare FFS claims. However, claims containing AUC related codes with dates of service in 2023 and 2024 will continue to process. Please read this article for more information.

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February 23, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13541 - Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule & Laboratory Services Reasonable Charge Payment: Quarterly Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13541-clinical-laboratory-fee-schedule-laboratory-services-reasonable-charge-payment-quarterly.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows about the next private payor data reporting period: January – March 2025 and new and deleted HCPCS codes.

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February 22, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Feb 22, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTAyLTIyLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwMjIyLjkwNjMxNTkxIn0.xi1rcOfEJKGmKRHOPMAAe_O3D7oiswvebLGfGRtExvA/s/741183389/br/237532154909-l)

News

* CMS Issues Additional Guidance on Program to Allow People with Medicare to Pay Out-of-Pocket Prescription Drug Costs in Monthly Payments

Compliance

* Medical Services Authorized by the Veteran’s Health Administration: Avoid Duplicate Payments

MLN Matters® Articles

* Limitation on Recoupment of Medicare Overpayments
* Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Cardiac Rehabilitation, & Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation Expansion of Supervising Practitioners

Publications

* Health Equity Services in the 2024 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13485 - Appropriate Use Criteria for Advanced Diagnostic Imaging: CY 2024 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13485-appropriate-use-criteria-advanced-diagnostic-imaging-cy-2024-update.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows about rescinding of appropriate use criteria (AUC) program regulations, pausing the AUC program for advanced diagnostic imaging for reevaluation, and elimination of AUC consultation information on Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) claims.

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February 19, 2024

Electronic billing through Novitasphere

The Claims Submission/ERA feature in Novitasphere provides a direct connection to the Novitas system to transfer electronic claim files and retrieve electronic reports. This feature, along with the [PC-ACE software program](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00004595), provides a free billing solution for your Medicare claims.

If you are not familiar with Novitasphere, it is our free online portal for providers, billing services, and clearinghouses. The [Novitasphere Enrollment eGuide](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName%3A00236502) will walk you through the steps needed to gain access.

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[Skilled nursing facility (SNF) interrupted stay and lower level of care change (LLCC) billing](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00147584)

This article has been updated to include more guidance and examples related to the interrupted stay and lower level of care change (LLOC) billing for skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). To ensure proper billing please take time to review the article.

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM11808 - Limitation on Recoupment of Medicare Overpayments](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm11808-limitation-recoupment-medicare-overpayments.pdf)

Make sure your staff knows about limits on recouping of overpayments, when to request an extended repayment plan (ERS) or choose an immediate recoupment, and how we pay interest on overpayments.

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February 15, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Feb 15, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTAyLTE1LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwMjE1LjkwMjcyOTIxIn0.zvY4GMIpTXSQOV6TOAMlTlQi4bqIweVf17qD9FD_xgU/s/741183389/br/237166600344-l)

News

* CMS Roundup (Feb 9, 2024)
* Marriage and Family Therapists & Mental Health Counselors: New Specialty Codes for Medicare
* Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database: April Update

MLN Matters® Articles

* ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: July 2024 Update
* Activation of Validation Edits for Providers with Multiple Service Locations — Revised

Publications

* Medicare Preventive Services — Revised

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[Online registration available for March 1 open meeting and proposed LCDs now posted](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00007707)

Online registration for the Friday, March 1 open meeting is now available and presenter registration will close at noon ET on Wednesday, February 28. Important: Our open meeting will be held via webinar only. The Novitas Solutions proposed local coverage determinations (LCDs) are now posted.

Open meetings are to allow interested parties the opportunity to make presentations of information and offer comments related to new proposed LCDs and/or the revised portion of a proposed LCD that are in the 45-day open comment period. Interested parties may also request to attend as an observer. If you are interested in attending as a presenter or observer, please view our proposed local coverage determination open meetings web page for specific guidelines and other helpful information.

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[Medical policy update](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00006150)

Please follow the link above to view LCDs posted for comment and notice and an article revision.

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February 14, 2024

[Mental health services](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00106754)

New benefit category for marriage and family therapists and mental health counselors effective January 1, 2024.

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February 12, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13513 - Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Cardiac Rehabilitation, & Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation Expansion of Supervising Practitioners](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13513-pulmonary-rehabilitation-cardiac-rehabilitation-intensive-cardiac-rehabilitation-expansion.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows about updates to pulmonary, cardiac, and intensive cardiac rehabilitation services effective January 1, 2024, including expanding the types of practitioners who may supervise these services.

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February 9, 2024

[Payment of Codes for Chemotherapy Administration and Nonchemotherapy Injections and Infusion](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00287182)

Ensure your staff is aware, CMS has provided clarification regarding the Medicare guidance as described in CMS IOM, Pub. 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, section 30.5 that relates to complex administration CPT codes 96401-96549.

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[Skilled nursing care & skilled therapy services to maintain function or prevent or slow decline: Reminder](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00091925)

Medicare covers skilled nursing care and skilled therapy services under skilled nursing facility, home health, and outpatient therapy benefits when a beneficiary needs skilled care to maintain function or to prevent or slow decline, as long as…

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February 8, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Feb 8, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTAyLTA4LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwMjA4Ljg5ODg3NDkxIn0.rlk5Km1YKDjIyfxrPu63PgFnYGe6I4-JhIBAtB7oT38/s/741183389/br/236756442422-l)

News

* Medicare Shared Savings Program: Application Deadlines for a January 1, 2025, Start Date
* New Dental Specialty Codes for Medicare
* Hospices & Skilled Nursing Facilities: Report All Managing Employees
* Skilled Nursing Care & Skilled Therapy Services to Maintain Function or Prevent or Slow Decline: Reminder
* Help Address Heart Disease Disparities

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* ICD-10 Medicare Severity Diagnosis-Related Group Version 41.1

Events

* Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System: Office Hours Session – February 29

Publications

* Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System: Updated GADCS User Guide

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[Updated open claim issue](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00003625)

On February 8, 2024, all impacted end stage renal dialysis (ESRD) claims, bill types 72x, with dates of service on or after July 1, 2022, were automatically adjusted.

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February 6, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13507 - ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: July 2024 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13507-icd-10-other-coding-revisions-national-coverage-determinations-july-2024-update.pdf)

Make sure your billing staffs knows about newly available codes, recent coding changes, and NCD coding information.

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February 1, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Feb 1, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTAyLTAxLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwMjAxLjg5NDg5NzUxIn0.yxs7hMq3ZY5Kpqk3LesrSzrfLGpCCutgfbcNr5Brx_s/s/741183389/br/236357374778-l)

News

* Participation Continues to Grow in CMS’ Accountable Care Organization Initiatives in 2024
* CMS Roundup (Jan 26, 2024)

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* HCPCS Application Summaries & Coding Decisions: Drugs & Biologicals
* Medicare Physician Fee Schedule: New CPT Codes for RSV Vaccine Administration

Events

* Medicare Cost Report E-Filing System Webinar — February 14

Publications

* Medicare Provider Enrollment — Revised
* Practitioner & DMEPOS Supplier Information on Power Mobility Devices — Revised

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Attention clinical lab providers - Molecular diagnostic pathology survey (Gapfill)

Novitas seeks your input on establishing pricing under the Medicare program for the 2024 Gapfill laboratory test codes. If you have not already done so, please complete our Molecular Diagnostic Pathology Survey and associated cost worksheet by March 15, 2024. Please complete a separate survey and associated cost sheet for each test you perform.

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[Medical policy update](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00006150)

Self-Administered Drug Exclusion List (A53127) has been revised and will become effective March 17, 2024.

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January 29, 2024

[Medical policy update](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00006150)

The Peripheral Venous Ultrasound LCD is now effective after being posted for notice. The related billing and coding article is also now effective.

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[HCPCS codes no longer requiring an invoice](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00274129)

Please review our updated article detailing 2024 information.

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January 25, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Jan 25, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTAxLTI1LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwMTI1Ljg5MTIxMTExIn0.rmxDjvqSwUjVQW3XHCLW-T2piweevQDqguqK3ELlpsQ/s/741183389/br/235985958223-l)

News

* CMS Announces New Actions to Help Hospitals Meet Obligations under EMTALA
* CMS Announces New Model to Advance Integration in Behavioral Health
* Doctor & Clinician Utilization (Procedure Volume) Data on Medicare.gov Compare Tool: Now Available
* Continuous Glucose Monitor Supplies: Option to Bill for 90 Days
* Grandfathered Tribal Federally Qualified Health Centers: CY 2024 Rate
* Skilled Nursing Facility: Updates to Services Excluded from Consolidated Billing
* Poverty: Help Improve Access to Health Care

Compliance

* Opioid Treatment Program: Bill Correctly for Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Services

MLN Matters® Articles

* Billing Requirements for Intensive Outpatient Program Services for Federally Qualified Health Centers & Rural Health Clinics
* HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Enforcement: April 2024 Quarterly Update
* How to Use the Office & Outpatient Evaluation and Management Visit Complexity Add-on Code G2211
* Refillable DMEPOS Documentation Requirements

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[Medical policy update](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00006150)

Several articles have been revised to reflect the 2024 Annual CPT/HCPCS Code updates effective for dates of service on and after January 1.

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January 24, 2024

[Education and Training](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008010)

Our Event Calendar has been updated and new events are open for registration.

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[Scheduled EDI Gateway Maintenance](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00235304)

Due to scheduled maintenance, the TIBCO Gateway will not be available Saturday, January 27 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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January 23, 2024

[Prior authorization: Hospital outpatient department services frequently asked questions](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00230903)

Obtaining the required NPIs and CCNs/PTANs required to be reported on the PAR can be challenging. Review a recently added frequently asked question for guidance.

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January 22, 2024

[2024 jurisdiction list for DMEPOS HCPCS codes](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00286581)

The annual listing has been updated for the DME MAC and Part B MAC jurisdictions to reflect codes that are either added/discontinued or deleted each year.

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January 19, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13264 - Billing Requirements for Intensive Outpatient Program Services for Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13264-billing-requirements-intensive-outpatient-program-services-federally-qualified-health.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows about IOP scope of benefits, certification and plan of care requirements, payment policies, and coding and billing requirements.

* [MM13473 - How to Use the Office and Outpatient Evaluation and Management Visit Complexity Add-on Code G2211](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13473-how-use-office-and-outpatient-evaluation-and-management-visit-complexity-add-code-g2211.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows about correct use of HCPCS code G2211 and modifier 25, documentation requirements for G2211, and patient coinsurance and deductible.

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January 18, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Jan 18, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTAxLTE4IiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDI0MDExOC44ODc0NTk3MSJ9.WqD9ymPJ6xMkqnyKMbfXwSnrl734epJW2If4zUNwfs4/s/741183389/br/235575577099-l%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

News

* CMS Finalizes Rule to Expand Access to Health Information and Improve the Prior Authorization Process
* Acute Hospital Care at Home Data Release
* CMS Roundup (Jan 12, 2024)
* Medicare Part B Vaccine Administration: CY 2024 Payment Amounts
* Glaucoma Awareness Month: Act to Prevent Vision Loss

Events

* Immunization Strategies for Long-Term Care: Stories from the Field Webinar — January 31
* Medicare Cost Report E-Filing System Webinar — February 14

MLN Matters® Articles

* Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: January 2024 Update
* Specimen Collection Fees & Travel Allowance: 2024 Update

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[Medical policy update](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00006150)

The Self-Administered Drug Exclusion List posted for notice on November 30, 2023, became effective on January 14.

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January 17, 2024

[2024 payment rates for opioid treatment program (OTP)](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00285983)

Payment rates for the opioid treatment program are now available for 2024.

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January 16, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13501 - HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Enforcement: April 2024 Quarterly Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13501-hcpcs-codes-used-skilled-nursing-facility-consolidated-billing-enforcement-april-2024.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows updates to the lists of HCPCS codes that are subject to the CB provision of the SNF prospective payment system (PPS). Additions and deletions of certain angiography, chemotherapy, radioisotope, customized prosthetic devices, and blood clotting factors from the Medicare Part A and Part B SNF files.

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January 11, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Jan 11, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTAxLTExLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwMTExLjg4MzY0ODIxIn0._7iNcANCwxtRLBOE3n_poQI48SJ4O700l9I4kkEdVRs/s/741183389/br/234755695524-l)

News

* Marriage and Family Therapist & Mental Health Counselor Services: Overpayments to Critical Access Hospitals Billing under Method II
* Medicare Part A Cost Report Exhibits: New Electronic Templates
* Additional Residency Positions: Apply by March 31
* Therapy Services: Per-Beneficiary CY 2024 Threshold Amounts
* COVID-19 Vaccine CY 2024 Geographically-Adjusted Payment Rates
* Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program: CY 2024 Payment Rates
* Ambulance Fee Schedule: CY 2024 Inflation Factor
* Medicare Wellness Visits: Healthy Start to 2024

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Therapy Code List: 2024 Annual Update

Events

* Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System Overview Webinar — January 18

From Our Federal Partners

* Health Care Preparedness Resources

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January 10, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

[MM13503 - Specimen Collection Fees and Travel Allowance: 2024 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13503-specimen-collection-fees-and-travel-allowance-2024-update.pdf)

Make sure your billing staffs know about specimen collection fees and travel allowances for 2024 and other policy updates and reminders.

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January 9, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

Revised:

* [MM13390 - ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: April 2024 Update (CR 1 of 2)](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13390-icd-10-other-coding-revisions-national-coverage-determinations-april-2024-update-cr-1-2.pdf)

CMS made no substantive changes to the article other than to update the web address of the CR transmittal.

* [MM13391 - ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: April 2024 Update (CR 2 of 2)](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13391-icd-10-other-coding-revisions-national-coverage-determinations-april-2024-update-cr-2-2.pdf)

CMS made no substantive changes to the article other than to update the web address of the CR transmittal.

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January 8, 2024

[Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00227702)

The quarterly FAQs have been updated. Please check out our FAQs for answers to your questions.

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January 5, 2024

[Intensive outpatient program (IOP) billing requirements for institutional services](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00284581)

Effective January 1, 2024, IOP services are available for both individuals with mental health conditions and individuals with substance use disorders. This article addresses institutional billing requirements for these new services.

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January 4, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Jan 4, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTAxLTA0LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwMTA0Ljg3OTcwMjExIn0.iEdZnFO10PJGegKeT77j6e8zTAAkaDpBNP-Qpj5RS5Q/s/741183389/br/234177088690-l)

News

* CMS Roundup (Dec 29, 2023)
* In-Home Vaccine Administration: Additional Payment
* Organizational Providers: Do You Need to Revalidate Your Enrollment Record Soon?
* Value-Based Insurance Design Model: Learn about the Hospice Benefit Component
* CMS Health Information Handler Helps You Submit Medical Review Documentation Electronically
* Cervical Health: Encourage Screening

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing: CY 2024 HCPCS Codes
* Integrated Outpatient Code Editor: Version 25.0

MLN Matters® Articles

* Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System: January 2024 Update
* New Condition Code 92: Billing Requirements for Intensive Outpatient Program Services
* Activation of Validation Edits for Providers with Multiple Service Locations — Revised
* New Waived Tests — Revised

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January 3, 2024

Learning Center Email update

The email address for support with the Novitas Learning Center, including questions regarding the MyCEUCertificate Gateway, webinar registration, or WebEx issues has changed to LearningCenterHelpDesk@novitas-solutions.com.

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[FAQs: Billing - Medications](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00004990)

An FAQ has been added relating to the reporting of the JW and JZ modifiers. Please take time to review the recent update.

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December 29, 2023

Medical Policy update

A new billing and coding article has been added and an LCD and billing and coding articles have been retired. View the recent updates, available on the LCD and article update history page.

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December 22, 2023

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13496 - Billing Requirements for Intensive Outpatient Program Services with New Condition Code 92](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13496-billing-requirements-intensive-outpatient-program-services-new-condition-code-92.pdf)
Make sure your billing staffs know about reporting of new condition code 92 for all hospital and CMHC claims for IOP services. Medicare manual changes related to providing IOP services.

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December 21, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Dec 21, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTEyLTIxLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMxMjIxLjg3NDc1ODkxIn0.l9I2uHyycMaq8J-6Tmqcxlnhs1lCjIs2kGVrRrgbv1k/s/741183389/br/233614980211-l)

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Editor's Note:

Happy holidays from the MLN Connects team. We’ll release the next regular edition on Thursday, January 4, 2024.

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News

* CMS Roundup (Dec 15, 2023)
* Opioid Use Disorder Screenings & Treatment: Medicare Pays for Services
* Opioid Treatment Programs: New Information for 2024
* Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing: Are You Following the Requirements?

Compliance

* Global Surgery: Bill Correctly

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Vagus Nerve Stimulators: Transitional Pass-through Status for HCPCS Code C1827 — Updated

MLN Matters® Articles

* DMEPOS Fee Schedule: CY 2024 Update

Multimedia

* Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Orientation Video

From Our Federal Partners

* Urgent Need to Increase Immunization Coverage for Influenza, COVID-19, and RSV & Use of Authorized/Approved Therapeutics in the Setting of Increased Respiratory Disease Activity During the 2023–2024 Winter Season

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[Medical policy update](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00006150)

Several billing and coding articles have been revised. View the recent updates, available on the LCD and article update history page.

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[January 2024 Event Calendar](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008010)

Our Event Calendar has been updated and new events are open for registration.

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December 19, 2023

[Leqembi for monoclonal antibodies directed against amyloid for the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00278911)

A new dedicated national clinical trial number has been added to the billing instructions.  Take time to review the updated information.

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[Part A open claim issue](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00003625)

Direct Data Entry (DDE) providers submitting ambulance mileage services starting on October 2, 2023, were incorrectly receiving reason code 32226. A correction was successfully installed on December 18,2024. Providers should resubmit their claims.

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December 18, 2023

[Journey to LCD Coverage](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00284181)

Would you like to know more about how LCDs are developed? Do you have questions about local and national coverage guidelines? Are you interested in how to become more involved in the LCD development process?

Visit our new Journey to LCD Coverage to find more information related to LCDs, including the LCD development process and how to become involved, as well as how local and national coverage guidelines relate to claims processing.

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December 15, 2023

Limited Systems Availability

There will be Common Working File (CWF) 'Dark' days from December 29, 2023, through Sunday, December 31, 2023, due to the January 2024 release updates. The interactive voice response (IVR) will have limited availability. Additionally, the Customer Contact Center will be closed Monday, January 1, 2023.

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[Telehealth update](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00284185)

View our new article on Telemedicine and remote services.  Several updates have been made to our Telehealth service [article](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00027460) and [Telehealth specialty page](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00144729).

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December 14, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: December 14, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTEyLTE0LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMxMjE0Ljg3MTMxNTgxIn0.IgZ3F9N4p1l2UqWUrBAltrJO40TOCucjhgvn-GDCVQ4/s/741183389/br/233063365669-l)

News

* CMS Releases Revised Guidance for Medicare Prescription Drug Inflation Rebate Program
* Medicare Part B Inflation Rebate Guidance: Use of the 340B Modifier — Revised
* Billing for Flu, Pneumococcal, & COVID-19 Vaccines
* Expanded Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model: October 2023 Interim Performance Reports

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* New Place of Service Code 27 for Outreach Site/Street
* National Correct Coding Initiative: January Update

MLN Matters® Articles

* Medicare Part B Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: Revised Information for Laboratories on Collecting & Reporting Data for the Private Payor Rate-Based Payment System — Revised
* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: 2024 Annual Update
* Medicare Program Integrity Manual: CY 2024 Home Health Prospective Payment System Updates
* Activation of Validation Edits for Providers with Multiple Service Locations — Revised

Publications

* Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Expanded Model — Revised
* Rural Emergency Hospitals — Revised

Multimedia

* Expanded Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model: Agency Perspectives Video Series

From Our Federal Partners

* Severe & Fatal Confirmed Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever among People with Recent Travel to Tecate, Mexico

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Medical policy

The following LCD, which was posted for comment on August 3, 2023, has been posted for notice. The LCD and related billing and coding article will become effective January 28, 2024.

* [Peripheral Venous Ultrasound (L35451)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=35451)
* [Billing and coding: Peripheral Venous Ultrasound (A52993)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=52993)

The following response to comments article contains summaries of all comments received and Novitas’ responses:

* [Response to comments: Peripheral Venous Ultrasound (A59601)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=59601)

The following billing and coding article has been revised:

* [Billing and coding: eVox System and Other Electroencephalograph Testing for Memory Loss (A56440)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56440)

The following LCD, related billing and coding article and response to comments article have been retired:

* [Thrombolytic Agents (L35428)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?LCDId=35428)
* [Billing and coding: Thrombolytic Agents (A55237)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleID=55237)
* [Response to comments: Thrombolytic Agents (A58012)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=58012)

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December 12, 2023

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13463 - DMEPOS Fee Schedule: CY 2024 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13463-dmepos-fee-schedule-cy-2024-update.pdf)
Make sure your billing staff knows about CY 2024 fee schedule amounts for new and existing codes, and payment policy changes.

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December 11, 2023

Medical policy

The following LCD, which was posted for notice on October 26, 2023, became effective on December 10, 2023.The related billing and coding article for this LCD is also now effective:

* [Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography (L35081)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=35081)
* [Billing and coding: Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography (A54095)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=54095)

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December 8, 2023

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13333 - Medicare Program Integrity Manual: CY 2024 Home Health Prospective Payment System Updates](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13333-medicare-program-integrity-manual-cy-2024-home-health-prospective-payment-system-updates.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows about expanding the HHA 36-month rule, moving hospices into the high level of categorical risk-screening, and other updates to Chapter 10 of the Medicare Program Integrity Manual.

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December 7, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Dec 7, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTEyLTA3LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMxMjA3Ljg2NzYzMzYxIn0.gXYIhX-56jqauI98qC4GDBZYYlpoh6TbmGuMF3wRCpU/s/741183389/br/232481361532-l)

News

* Citrix Bleed Vulnerability: Act Now
* Marriage and Family Therapists & Mental Health Counselors: Enroll in Medicare Now
* Health Professional Shortage Area: CY 2024 Bonus Payments
* Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program: December Confidential Feedback Reports
* Flu Shots: There’s Still Time to Protect Your Patients

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Medicare Physician Fee Schedule: New CPT Codes for RSV Vaccine Administration
* Discarded Drugs & Biologicals: JZ Modifier Use for Pharmacies
* National Correct Coding Initiative: Annual Policy Manual Update
* ICD-10: New Procedure Codes Effective April 1

MLN Matters® Articles

* Edits to Prevent Payment of G2211 with Office/Outpatient Evaluation and Management Visit and Modifier 25
* New Waived Tests
* Update for Blood Clotting Factor Add-on Payments — Revised

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December 1, 2023

[Guidelines for billing acute inpatient noncovered days](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00003588)

This article has been updated to include examples related to the reporting of occurrence span code M1 and recommended remarks to include on the claim. Please take time to review the article to ensure proper billing.

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November 30, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Nov 30, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTExLTMwLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMxMTMwLjg2Mzc3ODYxIn0.RnBe-xLhuF608J679ylwGV5FmteAHpvCPXE3sIc3ojE/s/741183389/br/231907605692-l)

News

* Quality Payment Program: Preview Your Performance Information by December 12
* HIV: Screening is Knowledge

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Resubmit Telehealth Claims with Modifier CS
* Federally Qualified Health Center Prospective Payment System: CY 2024 Pricer
* Rural Health Clinic CY 2024 All-Inclusive Rate

MLN Matters® Articles

* Beta Amyloid Positron Emission Tomography in Dementia and Neurodegenerative Disease
* ESRD & Acute Kidney Injury Dialysis: CY 2024 Updates
* Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule Summary: CY 2024

Information for Patients

* Medicaid and CHIP Renewals: Patient-Centered Messaging for Clinical Offices and Health Care Settings

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Medical policy

The following billing and coding articles have been revised:

* [Billing and coding: Diagnostic Abdominal Aortography and Renal Angiography (A56682)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56682&ver=40&bc=0)
* [Billing and coding: Facet Joint Interventions for Pain Management (A56670)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56670&ver=35&bc=0)
* [Billing and coding: NCD Coding Article for Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scans Used for Non-Oncologic Conditions (A53134)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=53134&ver=84&bc=0)

The following article has been revised and will become effective January 14, 2024:

* [Self-Administered Drug Exclusion List (A53127)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=53127&ver=137&bc=0)

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13467 - Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: 2024 Annual Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13467-clinical-laboratory-fee-schedule-2024-annual-update.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows about changes and instructions effective January 1, 2024. Delay in Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS) data reporting period. Mapping for new test codes. Updates for costs subject to the reasonable charge payment.

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November 28, 2023

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13272 - Edits to Prevent Payment of G2211 with Office/Outpatient Evaluation and Management Visit and Modifier 25](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13272-edits-prevent-payment-g2211-office/outpatient-evaluation-and-management-visit-and-modifier.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows about complexity add-on code G2211. Medicare pays separately starting January 1, 2024. We don’t pay when you report an associated O/O E/M visit with modifier 25.

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November 22, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Nov 22, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTExLTIyLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMxMTIyLjg2MDI2ODMxIn0.dK4EceSulSS1nGJbuLEik0iu0ixAQUY5pLk2Dw4JdnE/s/741183389/br/231440864920-l)

News

* CMS Roundup (Nov 17, 2023)
* Provider Enrollment Application Fee: CY 2024
* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: CY 2024 Final Payment Determinations & Reporting Delay
* Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System: 5 Top Tips
* Respiratory Virus Season: Protect Your Patients

Events

* Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System: Coverage Requirements Webinar — November 29
* Ambulance Open Door Forum — November 30

MLN Matters® Articles

* Lymphedema Compression Treatment Items: Implementation
* ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: January 2024 Update —Revised

Publications

* New Ownership Reporting Requirements for Providers Using the Form CMS-855A
* Intravenous Immune Globulin Demonstration — Revised
* Repetitive, Scheduled Non-Emergent Ambulance Transport Prior Authorization Model — Revised

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November 21, 2023

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13429 - Beta Amyloid Positron Emission Tomography in Dementia and Neurodegenerative Disease](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13429-beta-amyloid-positron-emission-tomography-dementia-and-neurodegenerative-disease.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows CMS removed NCD 220.6.20 NCD Manual, effective October 13, 2023. Your MACs will make coverage determinations for Positron Emission Tomography (PET beta amyloid imaging for dementia and neurodegenerative disease.

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November 16, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Nov 16, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTExLTE2LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMxMTE2Ljg1NzUyMjAxIn0.H8lpL7jQs4d8yKinvShK2gnAMHFB5FGksdP2CscS6Jc/s/741183389/br/230973338004-l)

News

* Unprecedented Efforts to Increase Transparency of Nursing Home Ownership
* Hospital Price Transparency: Use Required CMS Template Layout to Encode Hospital Standard Charge Information
* Quality Payment Program: Preview Your Performance Information by December 12
* Medicare Participation for CY 2024
* Hospice: New Requirement for Physicians Who Certify Patient Eligibility
* Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System: CY 2024 Final Policies, Printable Instrument, & FAQs
* CMS Health Information Handler Helps You Submit Medical Review Documentation Electronically
* National Rural Health Day: Address Unique Health Care Needs
* Lung Cancer: Help Your Patients Reduce Their Risk

Compliance

* Skilled Nursing Facility: Appropriate Use of Place-Of-Service Codes

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Vagus Nerve Stimulators: Transitional Pass-through Status for HCPCS Code C1827 — Updated

MLN Matters® Articles

* Home Health Prospective Payment System: CY 2024 Update
* Provider Enrollment Changes to the Medicare Program Integrity Manual
* Separate Payment for Disposable Negative Pressure Wound Therapy Devices on Home Health Claims
* Allowing Audiologists to Provide Certain Diagnostic Tests Without a Physician Order — Revised

Multimedia

* Home Health Agency Perspectives on Innovation: Panel Materials

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Medical policy

The following billing and coding articles have been revised:

* [Billing and coding: Approved Drugs and Biologicals; Includes Cancer Chemotherapeutic Agents (A53049)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=53049&ver=98&bc=0)
* [Billing and coding: Epidural Steroid Injections for Pain Management (A56681)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56681&ver=34&bc=0)
* [Billing and coding: Micro-Invasive Glaucoma Surgery (MIGS) (A56633)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56633&ver=47&bc=0)
* [Billing and coding: Surgical Treatment of Nails (A52998)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=52998&ver=40&bc=0)

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November 15, 2023

Medical policy

The following billing and coding article has been revised:

* [Billing and coding: Botulinum Toxins (A58423)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=58423&ver=31&bc=0)

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November 14, 2023

[Open claim issues](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00003625)

Update has been made for end stage renal dialysis (ESRD) denying incorrectly with reason code 37187. The mass adjustments have been initiated as Type of Bill 72J on November 7, 2023. These adjustments should be near finalization.

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November 13, 2023

Medical policy

The comment period is now closed for the proposed LCD listed below. Comments received will be reviewed by our contractor medical directors. The response to comments article will be posted to our website when the final LCD is posted for notice.

* [Allergen Immunotherapy (DL36240)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=39698&ver=9&bc=0)

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November 10, 2023

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13331 - Provider Enrollment Changes to the Medicare Program Integrity Manual](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13331-provider-enrollment-changes-medicare-program-integrity-manual.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows about these changes effective January 1, 2024, Medicare enrollment of MFTs and MHCs, and other provider enrollment policy updates like denial reasons and revocations.

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November 9, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Nov 9, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTExLTA5LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMxMTA5Ljg1NDAxOTkxIn0.ktnfzgovAhq0POST4aJxf-I0UoAoryZiRY7wo00vuiI/s/741183389/br/230413597188-l)

News

* CMS Roundup (Nov 3, 2023)
* Marriage and Family Therapists & Mental Health Counselors: Enroll in Medicare Now
* American Indians or Alaska Natives: Help Your Patients Achieve Optimal Health

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Home Health Prospective Payment System Grouper: January Update

Events

* CMS Hospice Forum — November 14
* Optimizing Healthcare Delivery to Improve Patient Lives Conference — November 15
* HCPCS Public Meeting — November 28–30
* Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System: Coverage Requirements Webinar — November 29

MLN Matters® Articles

* ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: April 2024 Update
* Removal of a National Coverage Determination & Expansion of Coverage of Colorectal Cancer Screening — Revised

Publications

* Home Health & Hospice Resources
* Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility — Revised

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Assist us in developing LCDs – Volunteer as a CAC member!

The parameters of who may serve as a Medicare Contractor Advisory Committee (CAC) member were expanded by [Change Request 10901](https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R863PI.pdf) and the companion [MLN Matters](https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM10901.pdf) article. Novitas Solutions invites you to volunteer as a CAC member or alternate to represent your organization during our CAC meetings as part of our LCD development process.

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November 8, 2023

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

Revised:

* [MM13391 - ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: April 2024 Update (CR 2 of 2)](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13391-icd-10-other-coding-revisions-national-coverage-determinations-april-2024-update-cr-2-2.pdf)

CMS made no substantive changes to the Article other than to update the web address of the CR transmittal.

* [MM13055 - Allowing Audiologists to Provide Certain Diagnostic Tests Without a Physician Order](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13055-audiologists-may-provide-certain-diagnostic-tests-without-physician-order.pdf)

CMS added 2 new CPT codes effective January 1, 2024, based on CR 13279.

* [MM12943 - National Fee Schedule for Medicare Part B Vaccine Administration](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm12943-national-fee-schedule-medicare-part-b-vaccine-administration.pdf)

CMS made no substantive changes to the Article other than to update the web address of the CR transmittal.

* [MM13107 - Removal of a National Coverage Determination & Expansion of Coverage of Colorectal Cancer Screening](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13017-removal-national-coverage-determination-expansion-coverage-colorectal-cancer-screening.pdf)

CMS added clarifying information about the -KX modifier for screening colonoscopy claims in the context of a complete colorectal cancer screening.

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November 6, 2023

[Open claim issues](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00003625)

Update has been made for Direct Data Entry (DDE) providers submitting ambulance mileage services incorrectly receiving reason code 32226. A correction has been developed and is tentatively scheduled for November 27,2023. Providers will be able to resubmit DDE claims that have incorrectly been returned when the correction has been installed.

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November 3, 2023

MLN Connects Newsletter: PFS, OPPS/ASC, & OPPS 340B-Acquired Drug Final Rules — Nov 2, 2023

Final Rules

* [CMS Finalizes Physician Payment Rule that Advances Health Equity](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvbmV3c3Jvb20vcHJlc3MtcmVsZWFzZXMvY21zLWZpbmFsaXplcy1waHlzaWNpYW4tcGF5bWVudC1ydWxlLWFkdmFuY2VzLWhlYWx0aC1lcXVpdHkiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMxMTAyLjg1MDY5NzIxIn0.JTM26N9AedlcUiNSZ-2kmZEDZ81sV-qpUi73kycPy7s/s/741183389/br/229869504346-l)
* [CMS Makes Hospital Prices More Transparent and Expands Access to Behavioral Health Care](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvbmV3c3Jvb20vcHJlc3MtcmVsZWFzZXMvY21zLW1ha2VzLWhvc3BpdGFsLXByaWNlcy1tb3JlLXRyYW5zcGFyZW50LWFuZC1leHBhbmRzLWFjY2Vzcy1iZWhhdmlvcmFsLWhlYWx0aC1jYXJlIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMTEwMi44NTA2OTcyMSJ9.q_rckRP6XGvZ51MwpZY9mgYKJvhVO-Nh5_Pb8TY7H0g/s/741183389/br/229869504346-l)
* [Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS): Remedy for the 340B-Acquired Drug Payment Policy for Calendar Years 2018-2022 Final Rule (CMS 1793-F)](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvbmV3c3Jvb20vZmFjdC1zaGVldHMvaG9zcGl0YWwtb3V0cGF0aWVudC1wcm9zcGVjdGl2ZS1wYXltZW50LXN5c3RlbS1vcHBzLXJlbWVkeS0zNDBiLWFjcXVpcmVkLWRydWctcGF5bWVudC1wb2xpY3kiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMxMTAyLjg1MDY5NzIxIn0.adlZ0C0Bymk96k7QIDcDcwQ2ZEqA-WeB7tJh8SxkIaM/s/741183389/br/229869504346-l)

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November 2, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Nov 2, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTExLTAyLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMxMTAyLjg1MDM3OTMxIn0.WoTPSsys_yEn5DxKDEYN3xCFXp-67v-TWIAqpN2Yht0/s/741183389/br/229815079876-l%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

News

* CY 2024 Home Health Prospective Payment System Final Rule
* CY 2024 End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System Final Rule
* Behavioral Health: Medicare Pays for 3 Services
* Lymphedema Compression: Medicare Pays for Treatment Items
* Diabetes: Recommend Preventive Services
* Flu Shots Can Take Flu from Wild to Mild

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Vagus Nerve Stimulators: Transitional Pass-through Status for HCPCS Code C1827

Publications

* Interns & Residents Duplicate FTEs Audit Reviews
* Expanded Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model: October Newsletter
* Medicare Payment Systems — Revised

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Medical policy

The following billing and coding articles have been revised:

* [Billing and coding: Approved Drugs and Biologicals; Includes Cancer Chemotherapeutic Agents (A53049)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=53049&ver=96&bc=0)
* [Billing and coding: Botulinum Toxins (A58423)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=58423&ver=29&bc=0)

The following LCD and related billing and coding article have been retired:

* [Implantable Infusion Pump (L35112)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=35112&ver=59&bc=0)
* [Billing and coding: Implantable Infusion Pump (A56778)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56778&ver=12&bc=0)

The following billing and coding article has been retired:

* [Billing and coding: Compounded Drugs Used in an Implantable Infusion Pump (A54100)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=54100&ver=37&bc=0)

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November 1, 2023

MLN Connects Newsletter: Take Our Provider Survey Today - Nov 1, 2023

News

* [Take Our Provider Survey Today](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTExLTAxLW9jZSIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzExMDEuODQ5NTY3MTEifQ.mYtOF6GHxsnGBCEXomoKnIkXJKvGScJ2xV0Y55LZxog/s/741183389/br/229661794782-l)

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13390 - ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: April 2024 Update (CR 1 of 2)](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13390-icd-10-other-coding-revisions-national-coverage-determinations-april-2024-update-cr-1-2.pdf)

Make sure your billing staffs knows about newly available codes, recent coding changes, and NCD coding information.

* [MM13391 - ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: April 2024 Update (CR 2 of 2)](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13391-icd-10-other-coding-revisions-national-coverage-determinations-april-2024-update-cr-2-2.pdf)

Make sure your billing staffs knows about Newly available codes, Recent coding changes, and NCD coding information.

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October 31, 2023

[Unsolicited Voluntary Refunds Notification 2023](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00272508)

Medicare providers – please review this notice concerning voluntary refunds for 2023.

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October 26, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Oct 26, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTEwLTI2LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMxMDI2Ljg0NjQ2MTYxIn0.KDC6THyoBMMWF0BULWZMHkolntTfRP6t6X3lz9UuNpE/s/741183389/br/228996450818-l)

News

* Help CMS Improve Provider Resources — Respond by November 9
* CMS Roundup (Oct 20, 2023)
* Nursing Facility Evaluation and Management Visits: Comparative Billing Report in October

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Conditional Payment Claims: Continue to Submit to Your Medicare Administrative Contractor
* Home Health Consolidated Billing Enforcement: CY 2024 HCPCS Code
* HCPCS Application Summaries & Coding Decisions: Drugs & Biologicals

Events

* Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System: Coverage Requirements Webinar — November 29

MLN Matters® Articles

* Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance, & Premium Rates: CY 2024 Update
* Processing Claims Affected by Retroactive Entitlement

Publications

* Medicare Secondary Payer: Don’t Deny Services & Bill Correctly — Revised

Information for Patients

* 2024 Medicare & You Handbook

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Medical policy

The following LCD posted for comment on June 1, 2023, has been posted for notice. The LCD and related billing and coding article will become effective December 10, 2023.

* [Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography (L35081)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=35081&ver=85)
* [Billing and coding: Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography (A54095)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=54095&ver=50)

The following Response to comments article contains summaries of all comments received and Novitas’ responses:

* [Response to comments: Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography (A59566)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=59566)

As a reminder, the comment period for the following proposed LCD is currently open and will close on November 11, 2023. Please consider including literature/evidence in support of your request with your comments. We encourage you to submit your comments as soon as possible.

* [Allergen Immunotherapy (DL36240)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=39698&ver=9&bc=0)

[Submit comments](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00024350)

The following billing and coding articles have been revised to reflect the Annual ICD-10 code updates effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2023:

* [Billing and coding: Ambulatory Electrocardiograph (AECG) Monitoring (A59268)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=59268)
* [Billing and coding: Assays for Vitamins and Metabolic Function (A56416)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56416&ver=39&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Bariatric Surgical Management of Morbid Obesity (A56422)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56422&ver=35&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Biomarkers for Oncology (A52986)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=52986&ver=214&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Cardiac Rhythm Device Evaluation (A56602)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56602&ver=36&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Cardiology Non-emergent Outpatient Stress Testing (A56423)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56423&ver=56&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Controlled Substance Monitoring and Drugs of Abuse Testing (A56645)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56645&ver=44&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Diagnostic Abdominal Aortography and Renal Angiography (A56682)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56682&ver=37&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Electroretinography (ERG) (A56672)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56672&ver=13&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) (A56725)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56725&ver=33&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Intraoperative Neurophysiological Testing (A56722)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56722&ver=17&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA) (A56085)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56805&ver=29&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Monitored Anesthesia Care (A57361)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=57361&ver=34&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography (A54095)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=54095&ver=41)
* [Billing and coding: Neurophysiology Evoked Potentials (NEPs) (A56773)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56773&ver=20&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Oximetry Services (A57205)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=57205&ver=28&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Pharmacogenomics Testing (A58801)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=58801&ver=52&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Psychiatric Codes (A57130)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=57130&ver=32&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Single Chamber and Dual Chamber Permanent Cardiac Pacemakers (A54982)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=54982&ver=23&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Speech Language Pathology (SLP) Services: Communication Disorders (A54111)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=54111&ver=40&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Thoracic Aortography and Carotid, Vertebral, and Subclavian Angiography (A56631)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56631&ver=19&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Transesophageal Echocardiography (TEE) (A56505)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56505&ver=26&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)
* [Billing and coding: Vestibular and Audiologic Function Studies (A57434)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=57434&ver=28&contractorName=6&contractorNumber=all&updatePeriod=1066&sortBy=updated&bc=13)

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October 20, 2023

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13402 - Processing Claims Affected by Retroactive Entitlement](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13402-processing-claims-affected-retroactive-entitlement.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows when certain claims are payable beyond the timely filing limit. Also, how to handle claims when you can’t submit a patient assessment.

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October 19, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Oct 19, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTEwLTE5LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMxMDE5Ljg0MzA5NTYxIn0.txBHlUBuBJOlxx3IbrMIea2QL_fVWzGfJJRT99n2LoI/s/741183389/br/228596550124-l)

News

* 2024 Medicare Parts A & B Premiums and Deductibles
* Help CMS Improve Provider Resources — Respond by November 9
* CMS Health Information Handler Helps You Submit Medical Review Documentation Electronically
* Health Literacy: Help Your Patients Get Information & Services

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Discarded Drugs & Biologicals: When to Use JW & JZ Modifiers

Events

* Provider Compliance Focus Group Meeting — November 2
* Expanded Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model: Preparing for CYs 2024 & 2025 Webinar — November 9

MLN Matters® Articles

* Update for Blood Clotting Factor Add-on Payments

Publications

* Complying with Medical Record Documentation Requirements — Revised
* Expanded Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model Resource Index — Updated

From Our Federal Partners

* Health Care Preparedness Resources

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Medical policy

The following LCD has been revised:

* [Epidural Steroid Injections for Pain Management (L36920)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=36920)

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October 12, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Oct 12, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTEwLTEyLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMxMDEyLjgzOTU2MDcxIn0.DhtTYahObiooovObv7B6DGXCAQRlWMPg32OCMEHXyxk/s/741183389/br/227829801719-l)

News

* CMS Roundup (Oct 6, 2023)
* Protect Your Patients: Give Them a Flu Shot

Publications

* Direct Data Entry: 10-Digit Screen Expansion
* Medicare Preventive Services — Revised
* Medicare Provider Compliance Tips — Revised

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13881 - Update for Blood Clotting Factor Add-on Payments](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13381-update-blood-clotting-factor-add-payments.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows about additional diagnosis codes eligible for payment for blood clotting factors and adjustment of certain claims with the added codes.

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[Issues, denials, rejections, return to provider & claim submission errors](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/Claims_JL/Denials)

The top denial claims, top rejection claims and top returned to provider claims have been updated. Please take time to review this information.

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October 10, 2023

[Changes to amount in controversy (AIC) for appeals in 2024](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJH/pagebyid?contentId=00281908)

CMS has announced the dollar amount that must remain in controversy to sustain appeal rights beginning January 1, 2024. Please review the article for details.

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Updated COVID-19 vaccine and administration codes

On October 3, the [FDA](https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-takes-action-updated-mrna-covid-19-vaccines-better-protect-against-currently-circulating) amended the emergency use authorization of the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine, Adjuvanted to include the 2023–2024 formula to address currently circulating variants to provide better protection against the serious consequences of COVID-19, including hospitalization and death.

In response, CMS updated the payment allowance effective October 3, 2023, for the Novavax vaccine for CPT code 91304. The federal government is not purchasing these products. Medicare Part B pays for the drug and its administration under the applicable Medicare Part B payment policy. Use CPT code 90480 to bill for the administration of the vaccine.

Additionally, codes 0041A, 0042A and 0044A are no longer payable as of October 3, 2023.

As a result of these changes, updates have been made to the following references:

* [COVID-19 vaccine and monoclonal antibodies billing for Part A](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00243902)
* [2023 COVID-19 vaccine reimbursement](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00273108)
* [2023 COVID-19 vaccine administration fees for centralized billers, Indian Health Services, and Veterans Affairs](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00273109)

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October 6, 2023

MLN Connects Newsletter: COVID-19: Updated Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted for Patients 12 & Older — Oct 6, 2023

News

* [COVID-19: Updated Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted for Patients 12 & Older](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTEwLTA2LW9jZSIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzEwMDYuODM3MDQ0ODEifQ.PhYV2BbQfYsRVzApyzMICAMk5bY5HREkONKm6r9EyH8/s/741183389/br/227556396468-l)

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Medical policy

The following local coverage articles have been revised:

* [Billing and Coding: Hemophilia Factor Products (A56433)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56433)
* [Billing and Coding: Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility (IDTF) (A53252)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=53252)
* [Billing and Coding: Molecular Pathology and Genetic Testing (A58917)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=58917)
* [Self-Administered Drug Exclusion List: (A53127)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=53127)

A document note has been added to the following articles:

* [Billing and Coding: Ambulatory Electrocardiograph (AECG) Monitoring (A59268)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=59268&ver=14)
* [Billing and Coding: Cardiology Non-emergent Outpatient Stress Testing (A56423)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56423&ver=50)

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October 5, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Oct 5, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTEwLTA1LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMxMDA1LjgzNjMxMTQxIn0.z-VyS6gDN_oxwiquD9KVgUnSfWioVNcLdbQXd3o5rFY/s/741183389/br/227472679747-l)

News

* Administration Moves Forward with Medicare Drug Price Negotiations to Lower Prescription Drug Costs for People with Medicare
* CMS Requests Public Input on Coverage of Over-the-Counter Preventive Services, Including Contraception, Tobacco Cessation, and Breastfeeding Supplies
* Action Plan for Sickle Cell Disease Month
* CMS Burden Reduction News & Insights Fall Newsletter
* New COVID-19 Treatments Add-On Payment Ended September 30
* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: Submit Your Comments
* DMEPOS: New Provider Enrollment Appeals & Rebuttals Contractor Starts October 9
* Help Detect Breast Cancer Early

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* RARCs, CARCs, Medicare Remit Easy Print, & PC Print: October Update

Publications

* Medicare Provider Compliance Newsletter

Multimedia

* Post-Acute Care Quality Reporting Programs: Brief Interview for Mental Status Video

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October 02, 2023

Open claim issues

Update has been made for end stage renal dialysis (ESRD) where an error was discovered with the transmission of data from the Eligibility Database (EDB) to the Common Working File (CWF) that resulted in a change in the date of first dialysis. The error began May 1, 2022, and resulted in some beneficiary records reflecting the ESRD eligibility date in the date of first dialysis field rather than the initial date of first dialysis.

October 02, 2023, all beneficiary files have been corrected. Providers may submit adjustments to correct claim payments where the onset adjustment was not applied correctly. Please include remarks on your adjustment submission indicating “onset adjustment correction.”

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Join Us for the A/B DME Collaborative Therapeutic Shoes for Persons with Diabetes Webinar October 17

Representatives from all four DME MAC jurisdictions and the A/B MACs to explain coverage criteria, medical records requirements, certifying physician and practitioner roles. We hope you’ll join the Medicare administrative contractors for this valuable education opportunity!

The webinar is Wednesday, October 17 at noon ET / 11 a.m. CT / 10 a.m. MT. The time is usually one hour. Please [register](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5375629329634466902) for this educational opportunity.

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September 29, 2023

**Medical policy**

Please note: The Skin Substitute Grafts/Cellular and/or Tissue-Based Products for the Treatment of Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Venous Leg Ulcers (L35041/A54117) will not become effective on 10/01/2023.

A new Proposed LCD will be published for comment and presented at an open meeting in the near future.

In the meantime, current coverage has not changed. The following LCD and article remain in effect.

* [Application of Bioengineered Skin Substitutes to Lower Extremity Chronic Non-Healing Wounds (L35041)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=35041&ver=113)
* [Billing and Coding: Application of Bioengineered Skin Substitutes to Lower Extremity Chronic Non-Healing Wounds (A54117)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=54117&ver=86)

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**Medical policy**

Our Medical Policy team has evaluated all active local coverage articles for any impact in response to the 2024 annual ICD-10-CM code update. The following is a list of the impacted articles. The revised articles will be published to the MCD and on our website towards the end of October. Please continue to watch our website for updates.

* Billing and coding: Ambulatory Electrocardiograph (AECG) Monitoring (A59268)
* Billing and coding: Assays for Vitamins and Metabolic Function (A56416)
* Billing and coding: Bariatric Surgical Management of Morbid Obesity (A56422)
* Billing and coding: Biomarkers for Oncology (A52986)
* Billing and coding: Cardiac Rhythm Device Evaluation (A56602)
* Billing and coding: Cardiology Non-emergent Outpatient Stress Testing (A56423)
* Billing and coding: Controlled Substance Monitoring and Drugs of Abuse Testing (A56645)
* Billing and coding: Diagnostic Abdominal Aortography and Renal Angiography (A56682)
* Billing and coding: Electroretinography (ERG) (A56672)
* Billing and coding: Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT) (A56725)
* Billing and coding: Intraoperative Neurophysiological Testing (A56722)
* Billing and coding: Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA) (A56085)
* Billing and coding: Monitored Anesthesia Care (A57361)
* Billing and coding: Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography (A54095)
* Billing and coding: Neurophysiology Evoked Potentials (NEPs) (A56773)
* Billing and coding: Oximetry Services (A57205)
* Billing and coding: Pharmacogenomics Testing (A58801)
* Billing and coding: Psychiatric Codes (A57130)
* Billing and coding: Single Chamber and Dual Chamber Permanent Cardiac Pacemakers (A54982)
* Billing and coding: Speech Language Pathology (SLP) Services: Communication Disorders (A54111)
* Billing and coding: Thoracic Aortography and Carotid, Vertebral, and Subclavian Angiography (A56631)
* Billing and coding: Transesophageal Echocardiography (TEE) (A56505)
* Billing and coding: Vestibular and Audiologic Function Studies (A57434)

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September 28, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Sept 28, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTA5LTI4LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMwOTI4LjgzMjcwNjcxIn0.FkKQB5txE77-Lv7TCxCjzDVrUuQPYhk1xzT_LS87tdQ/s/741183389/br/226972400633-l)

News

* CMS Statement on Current Status of Blood Tests for Organ Transplant Rejection
* CMS Roundup (Sept 22, 2023)
* Cardiovascular Disease: Talk with Your Patients about Screening

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* ICD-10 Coordination & Maintenance Committee: Meeting Materials & Deadlines

MLN Matters® Articles

* ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: October 2023 Update

Publications

* Expanded Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model: September Newsletter
* Checking Medicare Eligibility — Revised

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Online registration available for October 13 open meeting and proposed LCD now posted

Online registration for the Friday, October 13 open meeting is now available and presenter registration will close at noon ET on Wednesday, October 11. IMPORTANT: Our open meeting will be held via webinar only. The Novitas Solutions proposed Local Coverage Determination (LCD) is now posted.

Open meetings are to allow interested parties the opportunity to make presentations of information and offer comments related to new proposed LCDs and/or the revised portion of a proposed LCD that are in the 45-day open comment period. Interested parties may also request to attend as an observer. If you are interested in attending as a presenter or observer, please view our [Proposed Local Coverage Determination Open Meetings](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00007707) page for specific guidelines and other helpful information.

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Medical policy update

The following LCD and related billing and coding article, which were posted for notice on August 3, 2023, will not become effective at this time. Please refer to below NOTE:

* Skin Substitute Grafts/Cellular and/or Tissue-Based Products for the Treatment of Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Venous Leg Ulcers (L35041)
* Billing and Coding: Skin Substitute Grafts/Cellular and/or Tissue-Based Products for the Treatment of Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Venous Leg Ulcers (A54117)

NOTE: Please refer to the current LCD and related article located on our website:

* [Application of Bioengineered Skin Substitutes to Lower Extremity Chronic Non-Healing Wounds (L35041)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=35041&ver=113)
* [Billing and Coding: Application of Bioengineered Skin Substitutes to Lower Extremity Chronic Non-Healing Wounds (A54117)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=54117&ver=86)

The following proposed LCD has been posted for comment. The comment period will end on November 11, 2023; however, you are encouraged to submit your comments as soon as possible. When submitting your comments, we encourage you to submit literature/evidence supporting your recommendations for consideration.

* [Allergen Immunotherapy (DL36240)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=39698&ver=9&bc=0)

[Submit Comments](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00024350)

The following billing and coding articles have been revised:

* [Billing and Coding: eVox® System and Other Electroencephalograph Testing for Memory Loss (A56440)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56440&ver=40&bc=0)
* [Billing and Coding: Mohs Micrographic Surgery (MMS) (A53883)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=53883&ver=20&bc=0)

The following LCD and related billing and coding article have been retired:

* [3D Interpretation and Reporting of Imaging Studies (L35408)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=35408&ver=26&bc=0)
* [Billing and Coding: 3D Interpretation and Reporting of Imaging Studies (A56526)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56526&ver=9&bc=0)

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September 26, 2023

Updated COVID-19 vaccine and administration codes

On September 11, the [FDA](https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-takes-action-updated-mrna-covid-19-vaccines-better-protect-against-currently-circulating) approved and authorized for emergency use updated Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines.

In response, CMS identifies an effective date of September 11, for CPT code 90480 and codes 91318-91322. The federal government is not purchasing these products. Medicare Part B pays for the drug and its administration under the applicable Medicare Part B payment policy.

Additionally, codes 91312, 91313, 91314, 91315, 91316, 91317, 0121A, 0124A, 0134A, 0141A, 0142A, 0144A, 0151A, 0154A, 0164A, 0171A, 0172A, 0173A, 0174A are no longer payable as of September 12, 2023.

As a result of these changes, updates have been made to the following references:

* [COVID-19 vaccine and monoclonal antibodies billing for Part A](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00243902)
* [2023 COVID-19 vaccine reimbursement](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00273108)
* [2023 COVID-19 vaccine administration fees for centralized billers, Indian Health Services, and Veterans Affairs](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00273109)

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September 21, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Sept 21, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTA5LTIxLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMwOTIxLjgyOTIzMTIxIn0.5vY5_JgAyjWnTfD5I9MVEf_TPLJ0zbaU3_PXeBOsBpI/s/741183389/br/226364528284-l)

News

* CMS Announces Resources and Flexibilities to Assist with the Public Health Emergency in the State of Georgia
* Organ Transplantation Affinity Group: Strengthening Accountability, Equity, And Performance
* Psychotherapy for Crisis:  Medicare Pays for Services
* Flu Shot: Encourage Preferred Vaccines for Patients 65+
* Help Reduce Health Gaps for Hispanic or Latino Patients

MLN Matters® Articles

* Limitation on Recoupment of Overpayments
* Inpatient & Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System: FY 2024 Changes

Information for Patients

* HHS Takes the Most Significant Action in a Decade to Make Care for Older Adults & People with Disabilities More Affordable and Accessible

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Limited systems availability

There will be Common Working File (CWF) Dark Days from Friday, Friday, September 29,2023, through Sunday, October 1, 2023, due to the October 2023 release updates. The interactive voice response (IVR) will have limited availability.

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September 19, 2023

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13166 - ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: October 2023 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13166-icd-10-other-coding-revisions-national-coverage-determinations-october-2023-update.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows about these changes of newly available codes, recent coding changes, and how to find NCD coding information.

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September 18, 2023

Medical policy

The comment period is now closed for the following proposed LCD. Comments received will be reviewed by our contractor medical directors. The response to comments article and finalized billing and coding article will be related to the final LCD when it is posted for notice.

* [Peripheral Venous Ultrasound (DL35451)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdId=39659&ver=13)

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[Open claim issues](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00003625)

Update has been made for end stage renal dialysis (ESRD) denying incorrectly with reason code 37187. A correction has been installed on September 13, 2023. This will prevent claims from continuing to process incorrectly.

Impacted claims will be identified and mass adjusted automatically. We will post an update when the mass adjustments begin.

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September 15, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: COVID-19: Updated mRNA Vaccines for Patients 6 Months & Older – Sept 14, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTA5LTE0LW9jZSIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzA5MTQuODI2MTQ0MzEifQ.WY-ixKiuBojU7Wyf2OHqomwM_FEcRKcF-RoNj0nih0A/s/741183389/br/225970792813-l)

News

* COVID-19: Updated mRNA Vaccines for Patients 6 Months & Older

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September 14, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Sept 14, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTA5LTE0LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMwOTE0LjgyNTk5NzExIn0.osCJ7tfQi8GpyAg9dmqyK5mRcCZMCYeKsYpDWOVvYs4/s/741183389/br/225942377455-l)

News

* Inflation Reduction Act Continues to Lower Out-of-Pocket Prescription Drug Costs for Drugs with Price Increases Above Inflation
* CMS Roundup (Sept 8, 2023)
* New Provider Types 2024: Marriage and Family Therapists & Mental Health Counselors
* PECOS 2.0 Is Coming Soon
* Medicare Secondary Payer: Are You Getting Diagnosis Codes?
* Social Determinants of Health: Collect Data with ICD-10-CM Z Codes
* ESRD: Submitting Dialysis Claims That Include Capital Related Assets Eligible for the TPNIES
* Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database: October Update
* Prostate Cancer:  Encourage Your Patients to Get Screened

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* National Correct Coding Initiative: October Update
* Integrated Outpatient Code Editor: Version 24.3

MLN Matters® Articles

* Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System: October 2023 Update
* DMEPOS Fee Schedule: October 2023 Quarterly Update
* Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: October 2023 Update

Publications & Multimedia

* Expanded Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model: Updated Resource & Event Materials

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Multi-jurisdictional CAC meeting to be held October 19 on botulinum toxins

National Government Services (NGS), along with CGS Administrators, Noridian Healthcare Solutions, Novitas Solutions, First Coast Service Options, Palmetto GBA, and WPS Government Health Administrators (WPS), will host a multi-jurisdictional Contractor Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting via teleconference/webinar. Discussions will focus on botulinum toxins.

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

The purpose of the meeting is to obtain advice from subject matter experts (SMEs) regarding the strength of published evidence on botulinum toxins. The SME panel will respond to a series of key questions. CAC panels do not make coverage determinations, but Medicare administrative contractors (MACs) benefit from their advice. The public is invited to attend as observers.

Registration is required. The registration link, agenda, discussion questions, and bibliography are available on the [NGS Website](https://www.ngsmedicare.com/web/ngs/contractor-advisory-committee-cac?selectedArticleId=3261501&lob=96664&state=97133&rgion=93623).

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September 12, 2023

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM11262 - Limitation on Recoupment of Overpayments](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm11262-limitation-recoupment-overpayments.pdf)

Make sure your staff knows about how Medicare recoups overpayments and appeals and reconsiderations affect these recoupments.

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September 11, 2023

Medical policy

The comment period is now closed for the following Proposed LCD. Comments received will be reviewed by our contractor medical directors. The response to comments article and finalized billing and coding article will be related to the final LCD when it is posted for notice.

* [Genetic Testing for Oncology (DL39365)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=39667&ver=9&bc=0)

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September 8, 2023

Prior authorization request (PAR): How to avoid potential non-affirmations

When submitting a prior authorization request (PAR), be mindful of specific guidelines relating to proper submission to avoid potential non-affirmations. Please review this new article that identities common issues and related recommendations from the Novitas Prior Authorization team to assist with proper submission.

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September 7, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Sept 7, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDIzLTA5LTA3LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMwOTA3LjgyMjQ2OTgxIn0.LuIBnO6orrM24jPthOJP4EweyoaxPGsMHT4IJgZkBPU/s/741183389/br/225477880831-l%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

News

* New Version of CMS.gov
* HHS Proposes Minimum Staffing Standards to Enhance Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes
* CMS Announces Resources and Flexibilities to Assist with the Public Health Emergency in the State of Florida
* Laboratory Tests for Blood Counts: Comparative Billing Report in September
* Expanded Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model: Submit Technical Expert Panel Nominations by September 27
* Physicians & Non-Physician Practitioners: Revised Medicare Enrollment Application Required November 1
* DMEPOS: New Benefit Category Determinations
* Short-Term Acute Care Hospitals: Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Reports
* Healthy Aging: Recommend Services for Your Patients

MLN Matters® Articles

* Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination Edit Software: January 2024 Update
* Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System: FY 2024 Updates

Publications

* Evaluation and Management Services Guide — Revised

Multimedia

* Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System Video

From Our Federal Partners

* Severe Vibrio vulnificus Infections in U.S. Associated with Warming Coastal Waters
* Increased Respiratory Syncytial Virus Activity in Parts of Southeastern U.S.: New Prevention Tools Available to Protect Patients

Information for Patients

* CMS Hosts Patient-Focused Listening Sessions this Fall

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Medical Policy

As a reminder, the comment period for the following proposed LCD is currently open and will close on September 16, 2023. Please consider including literature/evidence in support of your request with your comments. We encourage you to submit your comments as soon as possible.

* [Peripheral venous ultrasound (DL35451)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=39659&ver=13&bc=0)

[Submit comments](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00024350)

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September 5, 2023

Medical policy

The following article, which was posted for notice on July 20, 2023, became effective on September 3, 2023:

* [Self-administered drug exclusion list (A53127)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=53127&ver=130&bc=0)

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[Molecular pathology and genetic testing](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00255104)

Effective 30 days from the posting of this updated article, the description of the service must be reported in the narrative section and must provide enough details for processing. If the description of the service is too large for the narrative field, records should be submitted with the [initial claim submission.](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00004754) If we are unable to process the service based on remarks and no records are submitted to support the service billed, the service will be rejected (Part B) or the claim will be returned as unprocessable (Part A) and the claim must be resubmitted with the appropriate information.

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September 1, 2023

Open Claims Issue

Starting approximately around July 17, 2023, some ESRD claims are not receiving reimbursement with reason code 37187 or reimbursing very low amounts for dialysis services.

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August 31, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Aug 31, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3Yvb3V0cmVhY2gtYW5kLWVkdWNhdGlvbi9vdXRyZWFjaC9mZnNwcm92cGFydHByb2cvcHJvdmlkZXItcGFydG5lcnNoaXAtZW1haWwtYXJjaGl2ZS8yMDIzLTA4LTMxLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMwODMxLjgxOTE0NDUxIn0.CsEMSSZ5dm5YcnqFTw8ciWdJnF15Re9SojKs7XdKkc8/s/741183389/br/225087312167-l)

News

* HHS Selects the First Drugs for Medicare Drug Price Negotiation
* Medicare Shared Savings Program Saves Medicare More Than $1.8 Billion in 2022 and Continues to Deliver High-quality Care
* CMS Issues Draft Guidance on New Program to Allow People with Medicare to Pay Out-of-Pocket Prescription Drug Costs in Monthly Payments
* CMS Roundup (Aug. 25, 2023)
* CMS.gov Website Refresh – Provide Feedback on Test Website by September 5

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* HCPCS Application Summaries & Coding Decisions: Non-Drug & Non-Biological Items and Services
* Home Health Prospective Payment System Grouper: October Update
* Updated ICD-10 Medicare Severity Diagnosis-Related Group Version 41

From Our Federal Partners

* Locally Acquired Malaria Cases Identified in Florida, Texas, & Maryland — Important Updates

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Medical policy

As a reminder, the comment period for the following proposed LCD is currently open and will close on September 9, 2023. Please consider including literature/evidence in support of your request with your comments. We encourage you to submit your comments as soon as possible.

* [Genetic Testing for Oncology (DL39365)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=39667&ver=9&bc=0)

[Submit Comments](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00024350)

The following billing and coding articles have been revised:

* [Billing and Coding: Ambulatory Electrocardiograph (AECG) Monitoring (A59268)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=59268)
* [Billing and Coding: Biomarkers for Oncology (A52986)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=52986)
* [Billing and Coding: Cardiology Non-emergent Outpatient Stress Testing (A56423)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56423)

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August 28, 2023

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13335 - Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System: FY 2024 Updates](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13335-inpatient-psychiatric-facilities-prospective-payment-system-fy-2024-updates.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows about FY 2024 market basket update, FY 2024 wage index update, and IPF Quality Reporting Program (IPFQR).

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August 24, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Aug 24, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3Yvb3V0cmVhY2gtYW5kLWVkdWNhdGlvbi9vdXRyZWFjaC9mZnNwcm92cGFydHByb2cvcHJvdmlkZXItcGFydG5lcnNoaXAtZW1haWwtYXJjaGl2ZS82OTMxNjkzNzMvMjAyMy0wOC0yNC1tbG5jIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMDgyNC44MTU5MDE2MSJ9.uouuio0tZ0YNfkNlVaknUJYd4Ywnb5l8-OqXk8w_H1E/s/741183389/br/224749871400-l)

News

* Seasonal Flu Vaccine Pricing for 2023–2024 Season
* Expanded Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model: July 2023 Interim Performance Reports, Post-Event Materials, & Comment on CY 2024 Proposals
* Behavioral Health Integration Services: Are Your Patients Eligible?

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* HCPCS Application Summaries & Coding Decisions: Non-Drug & Non-Biological Items & Services
* New Place of Service Code 27 – Outreach Site/Street

Events

* ICD-10 Coordination & Maintenance Committee Meeting — September 12–13
* Optimizing Healthcare Delivery to Improve Patient Lives Conference – November 15

MLN Matters® Articles

* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule & Laboratory Services Reasonable Charge Payment: Quarterly Update
* Activation of Validation Edits for Providers with Multiple Service Locations — Revised

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August 21, 2023

[Prior authorization: Facet joint interventions for pain management](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00274904)

Prior authorization (PA) for facet joint interventions was effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2023. The A/B MAC Prior Authorization Collaboration Workgroup developed a new article on facet joint interventions. This new article has been added to the [Prior authorization (PA) program for certain hospital outpatient department (OPD) services](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00227906) webpage. Please carefully review this information.

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[Correctly bill Units for the Tablo home dialysis machine for hemodialysis](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00279918)

Please take time to review this article on Correctly bill Units for the Tablo home dialysis machine for hemodialysis that has been added to the ESRD specialty page.

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August 18, 2023

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13321 - Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule & Laboratory Services Reasonable Charge Payment: Quarterly Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13321-clinical-laboratory-fee-schedule-laboratory-services-reasonable-charge-payment-quarterly.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows about private payor data reporting. You must report data between January – March 2024, General specimen collection fee increase, and new and deleted HCPCS codes.

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August 17, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Aug 17, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3Yvb3V0cmVhY2gtYW5kLWVkdWNhdGlvbi9vdXRyZWFjaC9mZnNwcm92cGFydHByb2cvcHJvdmlkZXItcGFydG5lcnNoaXAtZW1haWwtYXJjaGl2ZS83NTczMDk1NC8yMDIzLTA4LTE3LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMwODE3LjgxMjYwMzIxIn0.YdCqq_Knv3hgr24vOG4YU-IUtGHh2YYuWRfwll2jcQE/s/741183389/br/224391937919-l)

News

* CMS.gov Website Refresh – Test Website Available for Feedback
* CMS Announces Resources and Flexibilities to Assist with the Public Health Emergency in Hawaii Due to Recent Wildfires
* Clotting Factor: CY 2024 Furnishing Fee

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* COVID-19: CPT Codes for Vaccines No Longer Authorized
* Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System: FY 2024 Pricer Update
* Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System: FY 2024 Pricer Update

MLN Matters® Articles

* Hospice Payments: FY 2024 Update
* ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: January 2024 Update
* National Coverage Determination 30.3.3 – Acupuncture for Chronic Low Back Pain
* Power Seat Elevation Equipment on Power Wheelchairs

Publications

* Medicare Provider Enrollment — Revised

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Medical Policy

The following LCD and related Billing and Coding Article have been retired:

* [Non-Vascular Extremity Ultrasound (L35409)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=35409)
* [Billing and Coding: Non-Vascular Extremity Ultrasound (A55037)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=55037)

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COVID-19 vaccines and administrations no longer authorized

On April 18, 2023, the FDA amended the emergency use authorizations (EUAs) of the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 bivalent mRNA vaccines to simplify the vaccination schedule for most individuals.

In response, CMS added a termination date of April 18, 2023, to the following CPT codes: 0001A, 0002A, 0003A, 0004A, 0011A, 0012A, 0013A, 0051A, 0052A, 0053A, 0054A, 0064A, 0071A, 0072A, 0073A, 0074A, 0081A, 0082A, 0083A, 0091A, 0092A, 0093A, 0094A, 0111A, 0112A, 0113A 91300, 91301, 91305, 91306, 91307, 91308, 91309, 91311.

In addition, CMS added a termination date of June 1, 2023, to the following Janssen CPT codes: 0031A, 0034A, and 91303.

As a result of the change, updates have been made to the following references:

* [COVID-19 vaccine and monoclonal antibodies billing for Part A](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00243902)
* [2023 COVID-19 vaccine reimbursement](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00273108)
* [2023 COVID-19 vaccine administration fees for centralized billers, Indian Health Services, and Veterans Affairs](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00273109)

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August 10, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Aug 10, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3Yvb3V0cmVhY2gtYW5kLWVkdWNhdGlvbi9vdXRyZWFjaC9mZnNwcm92cGFydHByb2cvcHJvdmlkZXItcGFydG5lcnNoaXAtZW1haWwtYXJjaGl2ZS8xNzMwMDE1NTIzLzIwMjMtMDgtMTAtbWxuYyIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzA4MTAuODA5MzAzNTEifQ.cg8Ggh6jP4AkBDzo824pu9Da7Tf2yl73qcIWGkBMTCE/s/741183389/br/224016027719-l)

News

* Immunization: Protect Your Patients

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Outpatient Rehabilitation Claims with Reason Code W7072: Do You Need to Resubmit Claims?

MLN Matters® Articles

* HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Enforcement: October 2023 Update

Publications

* Expanded Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model: New Resource & Updated FAQs

Multimedia

* Skilled Nursing Facility: Minimum Data Set Resident Assessment Instrument Training Materials

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13278 - ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: January 2024 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13278-icd-10-other-coding-revisions-national-coverage-determinations-january-2024-update.pdf)

Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these changes - newly available codes, recent coding changes, and how to find NCD coding information.

* [MM13288 - National Coverage Determination 30.3.3 – Acupuncture for Chronic Low Back Pain](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13288-national-coverage-determination-3033-acupuncture-chronic-low-back-pain.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows about updated frequency edits for acupuncture for chronic low back pain (cLBP), and relevant codes for acupuncture and dry needling services starting January 1, 2024.

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August 4, 2023

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13299 - HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Enforcement: October 2023 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13299-hcpcs-codes-used-skilled-nursing-facility-consolidated-billing-enforcement-october-2023.pdf)

Make sure your billing staffs knows about updates to the lists of HCPCS codes that are subject to the CB provision of the SNF prospective payment system. Additions and deletions of certain chemotherapy, blood clotting factors, and therapies inclusion codes from the Medicare Part A SNF files.

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[Open claim issue for outpatient therapy](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00003625)

Certain outpatient claims that returned in error with CPT codes 98980 and/or 98981 along with revenue codes 42x, 43x and 44x for type of bill 22X, 23X, and 85X, processed on or after January 1, 2023, through implementation of the July 2023 Integrated Outpatient Code Editor quarterly release were corrected on 7/3/2023.

Any claims that have returned in error with reason code W7072 should be resubmitted.

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August 3, 2023

Medical policy

The following LCD which posted for comment on April 14, 2022, and on August 11, 2022, has been posted for notice. The LCD and related billing and coding article will become effective September 17, 2023.

* [Skin Substitute Grafts/Cellular and/or Tissue-Based Products for the Treatment of Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Venous Leg Ulcers (L35041)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=35041&ver=120&bc=0)
* [Billing and Coding: Skin Substitute Grafts/Cellular and/or Tissue-Based Products for the Treatment of Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Venous Leg Ulcers (A54117)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=54117&ver=104&bc=0)

The following Response to Comments Article contains summaries of all comments received and Novitas’ responses:

* [Response to Comments: Skin Substitute Grafts/Cellular and/or Tissue-Based Products for the Treatment of Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Venous Leg Ulcers (A59517)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=59517&ver=4&bc=0)

The following proposed LCD has been posted for comment. The comment period will end on September 16, 2023; however, you are encouraged to submit your comments as soon as possible. When submitting your comments, we encourage you to submit literature/evidence supporting your recommendations for consideration.

* [Peripheral Venous Ultrasound (DL35451)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=39659&ver=13&bc=0)
* [Billing and coding: Peripheral Venous Ultrasound (DA52993)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=59493&ver=6&bc=0)

[Submit comments](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00024350)

The following billing and coding articles have been revised:

* [Billing and coding: Botulinum Toxins (A58423)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=58423&ver=25&bc=0)
* [Billing and coding: Complex Drug Administration Coding (A59073)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=59073&ver=42&bc=0)
* [Billing and coding: Thrombolytic Agents (A55237)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=55237&ver=50&bc=0)

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Online registration available for August 18 open meeting and proposed LCD now posted

Online registration for the Friday, August 18, open meeting is now available and will close at noon ET on Wednesday, August 16. Important: Our open meeting will be held via webinar only. Our proposed local coverage determination (LCD) is now posted.

Open meetings are to allow interested parties the opportunity to make presentations of information and offer comments related to new proposed LCDs and/or the revised portion of a proposed LCD that are in the 45-day open comment period. Interested parties may also request to attend as an observer. If you are interested in attending as a presenter or observer, please view our [proposed local coverage determination open meetings](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00007707) page for specific guidelines and other helpful information.

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August 2, 2023

MLN Connects Newsletter: 5 Final FY 2024 Payment Rules — Aug 1, 2023

Final FY 2024 Payment Rules

* [New CMS Rule Promotes High-Quality Care and Rewards Hospitals that Deliver High-Quality Care to Underserved Populations](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvbmV3c3Jvb20vcHJlc3MtcmVsZWFzZXMvbmV3LWNtcy1ydWxlLXByb21vdGVzLWhpZ2gtcXVhbGl0eS1jYXJlLWFuZC1yZXdhcmRzLWhvc3BpdGFscy1kZWxpdmVyLWhpZ2gtcXVhbGl0eS1jYXJlLXVuZGVyc2VydmVkIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMDgwMS44MDUyMTQyMSJ9.MzVM2Wmq0TGJEM3YY4Tv5654XQqj_of_D2IbxS4eARU/s/741183389/br/223566264254-l)
* [Hospice Payment Rate Update](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvbmV3c3Jvb20vZmFjdC1zaGVldHMvZmlzY2FsLXllYXItMjAyNC1ob3NwaWNlLXBheW1lbnQtcmF0ZS11cGRhdGUtZmluYWwtcnVsZS1jbXMtMTc4Ny1mIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMDgwMS44MDUyMTQyMSJ9.iXeka1HJgO7WvZR6uIwXENW3LORmGQQO4paEkKnKNOY/s/741183389/br/223566264254-l)
* [Medicare Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System & Quality Reporting](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvbmV3c3Jvb20vZmFjdC1zaGVldHMvZmlzY2FsLXllYXItMjAyNC1tZWRpY2FyZS1pbnBhdGllbnQtcHN5Y2hpYXRyaWMtZmFjaWxpdHktcHJvc3BlY3RpdmUtcGF5bWVudC1zeXN0ZW0tYW5kLXF1YWxpdHkiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMwODAxLjgwNTIxNDIxIn0.hYZxoNHqcmeX_n6LUgRWR4OegZSbpfTpshICw9m1nZA/s/741183389/br/223566264254-l)
* [Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvbmV3c3Jvb20vZmFjdC1zaGVldHMvZmlzY2FsLXllYXItMjAyNC1pbnBhdGllbnQtcmVoYWJpbGl0YXRpb24tZmFjaWxpdHktcHJvc3BlY3RpdmUtcGF5bWVudC1zeXN0ZW0tZmluYWwtcnVsZS1jbXMtMTc4MS1mIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMDgwMS44MDUyMTQyMSJ9.rvxpE2y7S5fK7tGlEmWoQ3NYzMTqjHCgTopVvxHT_78/s/741183389/br/223566264254-l)
* [Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vZ2NjMDIuc2FmZWxpbmtzLnByb3RlY3Rpb24ub3V0bG9vay5jb20vP3VybD1odHRwcyUzQSUyRiUyRnd3dy5jbXMuZ292JTJGbmV3c3Jvb20lMkZmYWN0LXNoZWV0cyUyRmZpc2NhbC15ZWFyLWZ5LTIwMjQtc2tpbGxlZC1udXJzaW5nLWZhY2lsaXR5LXBlcnNwZWN0aXZlLXBheW1lbnQtc3lzdGVtLWZpbmFsLXJ1bGUtY21zLTE3NzktZiZkYXRhPTA1JTdDMDElN0NEaWFuZS5NYXVwYWklNDBjbXMuaGhzLmdvdiU3Q2IxMzE0YzU2NGU0OTQ1YWI2ZWE1MDhkYjkyMDRiOGIzJTdDZmJkY2VkYzE3MGE5NDE0YmJmYTVjMzA2M2ZjMzM5NWUlN0MwJTdDMCU3QzYzODI2NDMyMTE5NTgwMDg5OCU3Q1Vua25vd24lN0NUV0ZwYkdac2IzZDhleUpXSWpvaU1DNHdMakF3TURBaUxDSlFJam9pVjJsdU16SWlMQ0pCVGlJNklrMWhhV3dpTENKWFZDSTZNbjAlM0QlN0MzMDAwJTdDJTdDJTdDJnNkYXRhPVRJMFpwJTJGOHBFV2ZSR2wzUjg1Z0Qyc21YQkgwaEwya1FhMWU5dm9xcDZ5WSUzRCZyZXNlcnZlZD0wIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMDgwMS44MDUyMTQyMSJ9.fkndUo67E2RQaqYXnLjgkM88qCZmKs_-YaW60ImDBi8/s/741183389/br/223566264254-l)

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August 1, 2023

[Drugs and biologicals Part A – Using the JW and JZ modifiers](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00276713)

Information was updated for not otherwise classified (NOC) and added for end stage renal disease (ESRD) related to the proper use of the JW and JZ modifiers. Please review this article for more information. Additionally, CMS recently update the [Medicare Program Discarded Drugs and Biologicals – JW Modifier and JZ Modifier Policy Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-fee-for-service-payment/hospitaloutpatientpps/downloads/jw-modifier-faqs.pdf) article.

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July 31, 2023

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13275 - ESRD Prospective Payment System: October 2023 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13275-esrd-prospective-payment-system-october-2023-update.pdf)

Make sure your billings staff knows about changes, effective October 1, 2023, billing J0889 for daprodustat, and new ICD-10-CM codes for comorbidity payment adjustment, and acute kidney injury.

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July 28, 2023

Prior authorization: Facet joint interventions

Prior authorization (PA) for facet joint interventions was effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2023. The PA article [Hospital outpatient department services frequently asked questions (FAQs)](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00230903) has been updated to include FAQs for facet joint interventions. Please take time to review the updated information. Additionally, a [checklist](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00205909) for facet joint interventions has been linked the [PA program for certain outpatient department services homepage](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00227906) and [general documentation requirements](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00229506) article.

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[Open claim issue ESRD bill types 72x](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00003625)

It has been found that not all beneficiary files have been corrected. Providers should wait for updated information before adjusting any claims.

Please continue to monitor our Listservs and our Claims issue page. We will notify you of the appropriate corrective action in the near future.

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July 27, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: July 27, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3Yvb3V0cmVhY2gtYW5kLWVkdWNhdGlvbi9vdXRyZWFjaC9mZnNwcm92cGFydHByb2cvcHJvdmlkZXItcGFydG5lcnNoaXAtZW1haWwtYXJjaGl2ZS81NTUxMjcvMjAyMy0wNy0yNy1tbG5jIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDIzMDcyNy44MDI3MDIyMSJ9.BRYUMYQIBdarIxoGSurOzBcAYwavUA4VuwKBVGQERnU/s/741183389/br/223313909034-l)

News

* CMS Continues Work on Behavioral Health
* Discarded Drugs and Biologicals: Updated FAQs on JW & JZ Modifiers
* Expanded Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model: July 2023 Interim Performance Reports
* Subsequent Annual Wellness Visits: Comparative Billing Report in July
* Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System: Submit Comments by September 11
* Clinical Laboratories: New Diagnostic Tests & Reporting Reminder
* Viral Hepatitis: Talk with Your Patients about Shots & Screenings

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* HCPCS Application Summaries & Coding Decisions: Drugs & Biologicals

From Our Federal Partners

* Biosimilars: Free Continuing Education Courses, Videos, & Resources from FDA

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Online registration available for August 11 open meeting and proposed LCD now posted

Online registration for the Friday, August 11, open meeting is now available and will close at noon ET on Wednesday, August 9. Important: Our open meeting will be held via webinar only. Our proposed local coverage determination (LCD) is now posted.

Open meetings are to allow interested parties the opportunity to make presentations of information and offer comments related to new proposed LCDs and/or the revised portion of a proposed LCD that are in the 45-day open comment period. Interested parties may also request to attend as an observer. If you are interested in attending as a presenter or observer, please view our [Proposed local coverage determination open meetings](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00007707) page for specific guidelines and other helpful information.

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Medical policy

The following proposed LCD has been posted for comment. The comment period will end on September 9, 2023; however, you are encouraged to submit your comments as soon as possible. When submitting your comments, we encourage you to submit literature/evidence supporting your recommendations for consideration.

* [Genetic Testing for Oncology (DL39365)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=39667&ver=9&bc=0)

[Submit comments](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00024350)

The following draft billing and coding article is related to the above proposed LCD.

* [Genetic Testing for Oncology (DA59125)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleId=59491&ver=7)

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July 26, 2023

Activation of systematic validation edits for OPPS providers with multiple service locations departments

On August 1, 2023, CMS will deploy full production activation editing and MACs are instructed to permanently turn on editing for reason codes 34977, 34978, 34984, 34985, 34986, and 34987. These reason codes will be set up to return to provider (RTP) claims that do not match exactly. Validation will be exact matching based on the information on the CMS-855A form submitted by the provider and entered into PECOS. Please review our [Hospital off-campus outpatient department reporting article](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00208509) and [SE19007 - Activation of Systematic Validation Edits for OPPS Providers with Multiple Service Locations](https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE19007.pdf) for guidance.

The edit implementation schedule is as follows:

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| Implementation Date | Reason Code(s) | Region |
| 8/1/2023 | 34977 and 34978 | WPS JH, WPS JL |
| 8/8/2023 | 34977 and 34978 | Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, andDelaware |
| 8/15/2023 | 34977 and 34978 | Oklahoma, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Maryland, and Pennsylvania |
| 8/22/2023 | 34977 and 34978 | Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas |
| 9/5/2023 | 34984 and 34985 | All states in JH and JL |
| 9/12/2023 | 34986 and 34987 | All states in JH and JL |

Visit our [calendar of events](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008010) for our upcoming webinar “Provider - Based Hospital Off-Campus Practice Location Address Requirements” on August 16, 2023.

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July 24, 2023

[Coding Guidelines: Institutional Billing Resources (Addendums A, B, D1, E)](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00003601)

Please take a moment to review this article on updated addendum D instructions.

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[Issues, denials, rejections, return to provider & claim submission errors](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/Claims_JL/Denials)

The top denial claims, top rejection claims and top returned to provider claims have been updated. Please take time to review this information.

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Not otherwise classified billing

Please review our revised article [Appropriate use of not otherwise classified codes when billing drugs and biologicals](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00164100).

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13428 - Processing Services During Disenrollment from the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13248-processing-services-during-disenrollment-program-all-inclusive-care-elderly.pdf)

Make sure your billing staffs know about how CMS handles payment for Medicare patients disenrolling from PACE and condition codes and value code we require to prevent claims denials.

* [MM13240 -Patient Driven Payment Model Claim Edits](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13240-patient-driven-payment-model-claim-edits.pdf)

Make sure your billing staff knows about edit updates for SNFs billing on type of bill (TOB) 21X, swing bed TOB18X, and hospitals billing during an interrupted stay.

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July 21, 2023

Medical policy update

The following billing and coding articles have been revised:

* [Billing and Coding: Genetic Testing for Cardiovascular Disease (A58795)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=58795&ver=8&bc=0)
* [Billing and Coding: Immune Globulin (A56786)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56786&ver=37&bc=0)
* [Billing and Coding: Hemophilia Factor Products (A56433)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56433&ver=78&bc=0)
* [Billing and Coding: Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility (IDTF) (A53252)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=53252&ver=179&bc=0)
* [Billing and Coding: Micro-Invasive Glaucoma Surgery (MIGS) (A56633)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56633&ver=45&bc=0)
* [Billing and Coding: Molecular Pathology and Genetic Testing (A58917)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=58917&ver=55&bc=0)
* [Billing and Coding: Pharmacogenomics Testing (A58801)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=58801&ver=50&bc=0)
* [Billing and Coding: Platelet Rich Plasma (A58808)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=58808&ver=12&bc=0)

The following article has been revised to reflect the July 2023 CPT/HCPCS code quarterly updates and will become effective September 3, 2023:

* [Self-Administered Drug Exclusion List (A53127)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=53127&ver=130&bc=0)

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[MLN Connects Newsletter: July 20, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3Yvb3V0cmVhY2gtYW5kLWVkdWNhdGlvbi9vdXRyZWFjaC9mZnNwcm92cGFydHByb2cvcHJvdmlkZXItcGFydG5lcnNoaXAtZW1haWwtYXJjaGl2ZS8xMjc4NTQyMjM3LzIwMjMtMDctMjAtbWxuYyIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzA3MjAuNzk5MzA4ODEifQ.oAU4c0Z-1SwzH-9RqmLUZtdLH-Wqhy_P2QnyG0FO4L4/s/741183389/br/222938517355-l)

News

* Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty of Carotid Artery Concurrent with Stenting: Proposed National Coverage Determination
* Beta Amyloid Positron Emission Tomography in Dementia and Neurodegenerative Disease: Proposed National Coverage Determination
* CMS Posts Program Year 2022 Open Payments Data to CMS.gov
* Value-Based Insurance Design Model: CY 2024
* DMEPOS Suppliers: When & Where to Submit Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization Agreement Form
* New Domestic N95 Respirator Payment Adjustments
* Medicare Providers: Deadlines for Joining an Accountable Care Organization

Compliance

* Inpatient Admission Before Part A Entitlement: Bill Correctly

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* Activation of Validation Edits for Providers with Multiple Service Locations — Revised

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* Post-Acute Care: Brief Interview for Mental Status Video

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Multi-Jurisdictional CAC meeting to be held August 16 on cervical fusion

Noridian Healthcare Solutions along with CGS Administrators, National Government Services (NGS), Palmetto GBA, WPS Government Health Administrators (WPS), First Coast Service Options, and Novitas Solutions will host a Multi-Jurisdictional Contractor Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting via teleconference. Discussions will focus on cervical fusion.

Date: Wednesday, August 16

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CT (2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) assigned Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) the task of developing Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs). The purpose of the CAC meeting is to provide a formal mechanism for healthcare professionals to be informed of the evidence used in developing an LCD and promote communications between the MACs and the healthcare community. The CAC panel will discuss the clinical literature related to Cervical Fusion. Discussions will occur between CAC panelists and Contractor Medical Directors. The public may attend; however, questions from the public will not be entertained.

Interested stakeholders are invited to listen via teleconference; however, advance [registration](https://cvent.me/r9Oz51) is required. Registration deadline to participate by listen-only mode will close on Wednesday, August 16, at 11:00 a.m. CT/noon ET.

Once registered you will receive the teleconference information via email prior to the meeting. Lines will remain muted throughout the conference except for the invited CAC panelists and the MAC hosts.

View meeting details on the [Noridian CAC Meeting](https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jeb/policies/lcd/cac) web page or the Novitas Multi-Jurisdictional CAC Meeting web page.

Note: Complete details will be posted at a later date.

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July 19, 2023

Activation of systematic validation edits for OPPS providers with multiple service locations departments

On August 1, 2023, CMS will deploy full production activation editing and MACs are instructed to permanently turn on editing for reason codes 34977, 34978, 34984, 34985, 34986, and 34987. These reason codes will be set up to return to provider (RTP) claims that do not match exactly. Validation will be exact matching based on the information on the CMS-855A form submitted by the provider and entered into PECOS. Please review our [Hospital off-campus outpatient department reporting article](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00208509) and [SE19007 - Activation of Systematic Validation Edits for OPPS Providers with Multiple Service Locations](https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE19007.pdf) for guidance.

The reason code implementation schedule is as follows:

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| Implementation Date | Reason Code(s) | Region |
| 8/1/2023 | 34977 and 34978 | WPS JH, WPS JL |
| 8/8/2023 | 34977 and 34978 | Arizona, Louisiana, Mississippi, andDelaware |
| 8/15/2023 | 34977 and 34978 | Oklahoma, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Maryland, and Pennsylvania |
| 8/22/2023 | 34977 and 34978 | Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas |
| 9/5/2023 | 34984 and 34985 | All states in JH and JL |
| 9/12/2023 | 34986 and 34987 | All states in JH and JL |

Visit our [calendar of events](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008010) for our upcoming webinar “Provider - Based Hospital Off-Campus Practice Location Address Requirements” on July 26, 2023.

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[Open claim issues](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00003625)

It has been found that not all beneficiary files have been corrected. Providers should wait for updated information before adjusting any claims.

Please continue to monitor our Listservs and our Claims issue page. We will notify you of the appropriate corrective action in the near future.

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July 18, 2023

Leqembi for monoclonal antibodies directed against amyloid for the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease

Effective for dates of service on and after July 6, 2023, Medicare will pay for Leqembi (lecanemab-irmb) for monoclonal antibodies directed against amyloid for the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease. To ensure proper billing please take time to review the article.

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July 17, 2023

Medical policy update

The comment period is now closed for the following Proposed LCD. Comments received will be reviewed by our Contractor Medical Directors. The response to comments article and finalized billing and coding article will be related to the final LCD when it is posted for notice.

* [Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography (DL35081)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=39625&ver=24&bc=0)

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July 14, 2023

MLN Connects Newsletter: PFS & OPPS/ASC Proposed Payment Rules – July 13, 2023

Proposed Rules

* [CMS Physician Payment Rule Advances Health Equity](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvbmV3c3Jvb20vcHJlc3MtcmVsZWFzZXMvY21zLXBoeXNpY2lhbi1wYXltZW50LXJ1bGUtYWR2YW5jZXMtaGVhbHRoLWVxdWl0eSIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzA3MTMuNzk2MzI4NzEifQ.CNOVu3dzbxRr2XeqEfor2Nk6GtwRi3s75Cz7S8YNO9Q/s/741183389/br/222670649250-l)
* [CMS Proposes Policies to Expand Behavioral Health Access and Further Efforts to Increase Hospital Price Transparency](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvbmV3c3Jvb20vcHJlc3MtcmVsZWFzZXMvY21zLXByb3Bvc2VzLXBvbGljaWVzLWV4cGFuZC1iZWhhdmlvcmFsLWhlYWx0aC1hY2Nlc3MtYW5kLWZ1cnRoZXItZWZmb3J0cy1pbmNyZWFzZS1ob3NwaXRhbC1wcmljZSIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzA3MTMuNzk2MzI4NzEifQ.fpi-uytGhziZOlcF9aB7Ly6reAdR12aWSD6PYWr4xs0/s/741183389/br/222670649250-l)

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Medical policy update

The following LCD and related billing and coding article have been retired:

* [Spinal Cord Stimulation (Dorsal Column Stimulation) (L35450)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=35450&ver=41&bc=0)
* [Billing and Coding: Spinal Cord Stimulation (Dorsal Column Stimulation) (A57023)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=57023&ver=17&bc=0)

As a reminder, the comment period for the following proposed LCD is currently open and will close on July 15, 2023. Please consider including literature/evidence in support of your request with your comments. We encourage you to submit your comments as soon as possible.

* [Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography (DL35081)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=39625&ver=24&bc=0)

[Submit Comments](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00024350)

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July 13, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: July 13, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3Yvb3V0cmVhY2gtYW5kLWVkdWNhdGlvbi9vdXRyZWFjaC9mZnNwcm92cGFydHByb2cvcHJvdmlkZXItcGFydG5lcnNoaXAtZW1haWwtYXJjaGl2ZS8yMDIzLTA3LTEzLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMwNzEzLjc5NjAxMjYxIn0.gOfuZ2vWMAJWiEA0x9yec6GGh2lnn132tICNqx2o9TM/s/741183389/br/222617387370-l)

News

* Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: Remedy for the 340B-Acquired Drug Payment Policy for Calendar Years 2018-2022
* National Coverage Determination: Pre-exposure Prophylaxis Using Antiretroviral Drugs to Prevent HIV Infection
* Medicare Dental Services: Learn What’s Covered

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Institutional Providers: Resubmit Audiology Claims Returned with Reason Code 34963
* Inpatient Prospective Payment System-Excluded Hospitals: Correcting Issue with Excluded Units
* ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes: FY 2024 Coding Guidelines & Conversion Table

Events

* Expanded Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model: Overview of the Interim Performance Report Webcast — July 27

MLN Matters® Articles

* ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to Laboratory National Coverage Determinations: October 2023 Update
* Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System: July 2023 Update — Revised
* New Fiscal Intermediary Shared System Edit to Validate Attending Provider NPI — Revised

Publications & Multimedia

* Period of Enhanced Oversight for New Hospices in Arizona, California, Nevada, & Texas
* Expanded Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model: New Resources

From Our Federal Partners

* Rural Emergency Hospitals: Requirements in CMS Emergency Preparedness Final Rule

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July 12, 2023

[Rebyota fecal microbiota (J1440)](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00278710)

Learn how to bill for Rebyota fecal microbiota, live-jslm (J1440) to avoid rejections.

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July 7, 2023

News

Broader Medicare Coverage of Leqembi Available Following FDA Traditional Approval

Broader Medicare coverage is now available for Biogen and Eisai’s Leqembi (the brand name for lecanemab) following the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) move to grant traditional approval to the drug that treats individuals with Alzheimer’s disease. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services had previously announced this would be the case and released [more details on coverage](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvbmV3c3Jvb20vcHJlc3MtcmVsZWFzZXMvc3RhdGVtZW50LWJyb2FkZXItbWVkaWNhcmUtY292ZXJhZ2UtbGVxZW1iaS1hdmFpbGFibGUtZm9sbG93aW5nLWZkYS10cmFkaXRpb25hbC1hcHByb3ZhbCIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzA3MDcuNzkzMzQzOTEifQ.I78qsSucYz_Yq3OFD9iwaRzq70y2vUQuOX3K_rx_QAQ/s/741183389/br/222328221703-l).

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July 6, 2023

[MLN Connects Newsletter: July 6, 2023](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3Yvb3V0cmVhY2gtYW5kLWVkdWNhdGlvbi9vdXRyZWFjaC9mZnNwcm92cGFydHByb2cvcHJvdmlkZXItcGFydG5lcnNoaXAtZW1haWwtYXJjaGl2ZS8yMDIzLTA3LTA2LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjMwNzA2Ljc5MjcwNDMxIn0.PWXb8F5JEjkapLQ1gMYkzHhddgM6KzZP8VVIILcJ5Ws/s/741183389/br/222262360174-l%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

News

* CY 2024 Home Health Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule
* HHS Announces Actions to Lower Health Care Costs and Allow Medicare to Negotiate Lower Drug Prices
* CMS Roundup (June 30, 2023)
* Skilled Nursing Facility: COVID-19 Enforcement Discretion for Pharmacy Billing Ended June 30
* Medicare Providers: Deadlines for Joining an Accountable Care Organization
* Help People with Disabilities Get the Care They Need

MLN Matters® Articles

* Corrections to Home Health Claims Edits

Publications

* Medicare & Mental Health Coverage — Revised

From Our Federal Partners

* Wildfire Smoke Exposure Poses Threat to At-Risk Populations

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Medical policy

The following LCD and related billing and coding article, which was posted for Notice on June 2, 2023, will not become effective on July 17, 2023, as previously communicated. A new Proposed LCD will be published for comment and presented at an open meeting in the near future. Please continue to watch our website for updates.

* [Genetic Testing for Oncology (L39365)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=39365)
* [Billing and Coding: Genetic Testing for Oncology (A59125)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=59125)

The following LCDs will remain in effect at this time:

* [Biomarkers for Oncology (L35396)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?LCDId=35396)
* [Billing and Coding: Biomarkers for Oncology (A52986)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=52986)
* [Biomarkers Overview (L35062)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?LCDId=35062)
* [Billing and Coding: Biomarkers Overview (A56541)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleId=56541)
* [BRCA1 and BRCA2 Genetic Testing (L36715)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?LCDId=36715)
* [Billing and Coding: BRCA1 and BRCA2 Genetic Testing (A56542)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleId=56542)
* [Loss-of Heterozygosity Based Topographic Genotyping with Pathfinder TG (L34864)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?LCDId=34864)
* [Billing and Coding: Loss-of Heterozygosity Based Topographic Genotyping with Pathfinder TG (A56897)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleId=56897)

The following billing and coding article has been revised:

* [Billing and Coding: Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) in the Treatment of Adults with Major Depressive Disorder (A57072)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=57072)

As a reminder, the comment period for the following proposed LCD is currently open and will close on July 15, 2023. Please consider including literature/evidence in support of your request with your comments. We encourage you to submit your comments as soon as possible.

* [Nerve Conduction Studies and Electromyography (DL35081)](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=39625&ver=24&bc=0)

[Submit Comments](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJH/pagebyid?contentId=00024350)

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July 3, 2023

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13269 - ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to Laboratory National Coverage Determinations: October 2023 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13269-icd-10-other-coding-revisions-laboratory-ncds-october-2023-update.pdf)

Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these changes newly available codes, recent coding changes, and how to find NCD coding information.