Medicare News and Web Updates for JL Part A (2025)

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September 11, 2025

[MLN Connects® Newsletter for Thursday, September 11, 2025](https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/mln-connects-newsletter-september-11-2025)

News

* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: Submit Comments & Reconsideration Requests by October 9

Fraud, Waste & Abuse

* CMS IDea Challenge: Submit Interest Form by September 26

Compliance

* Orthopedic Footwear: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* COVID-19 Vaccine Pricing for 2025–2026 Season
* Ambulatory Surgical Center: Medicare Approved New High-Cost Gene Therapy Drug
* Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files & Revisions: October Update
* Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database: October Update
* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: Revised Third Quarter File

MLN Matters® Articles

* National Fee Schedule for Vaccine Administration: October 2025 Update

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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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[Online registration available for September 26 open meeting and proposed LCD now posted](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00007707)

Online registration for the Friday, September 26 open meeting is now available, and presenter registration will close at noon ET on Wednesday, September 24.

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.

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September 5, 2025

[Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) using antiretroviral drugs to prevent human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00297382)

Two new codes have been established effective October 1, 2025.

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September 4, 2025

[MLN Connects® Newsletter for Thursday, September 4, 2025](https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/mln-connects-newsletter-september-4-2025" \t "_blank)

Fraud, Waste & Abuse

* Ambulatory Surgical Centers: Prior Authorization Pilot Demonstration

Compliance

* DME: Complying with Proof of Delivery Requirements

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* National Correct Coding Initiative: October Update

MLN Matters® Articles

* Implementing the Transforming Episode Accountability Model: Skilled Nursing Facility 3-Day Rule Waiver

Publications & Multimedia

* Complying with Medicare Signature Requirements — Revised

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September 3, 2025

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

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September 2, 2025

[2025 Medicare Compliance Matters Virtual Symposium](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008078)

Save the date: October 21 – 23, 2025

Novitas Solutions' Virtual Symposium is a three-day conference packed with essential Medicare information, updates, and key takeaways. The 2025 Novitas Solutions' Virtual Symposium offers 45 engaging webinars over a three-day period focused on what matters most: Medicare Compliance.

Be the first to hear about:

* Novitas and CMS initiatives
* Medicare compliance program and improper payments updates
* How you can become a valued partner in ensuring Medicare program integrity

Registration will be open soon! Monitor our listserv and website for more updates.

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August 29, 2025

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM14185 - Bypassing Common Working File Edits on Inpatient Medicare Part B Ancillary 12X Claims: Effective Date Change](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm14185-bypassing-common-working-file-edits-inpatient-medicare-part-b-ancillary-12x-claims-effective.pdf)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, hospitals, and other providers billing MACs for hospital services.

* [MM14149 - National Coverage Determination 20.37: Transcatheter Tricuspid Valve Replacement](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm14149-national-coverage-determination-2037-transcatheter-tricuspid-valve-replacement.pdf)

This article is for physicians, and hospitals.

* [MM14194 - ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: January 2026 Update (2 of 2)](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm14194-icd-10-other-coding-revisions-national-coverage-determinations-january-2026-update-2-2.pdf)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for services.

* [MM14200 - National Coverage Determination 20.38: Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair for Tricuspid Valve Regurgitation](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm14200-national-coverage-determination-2038-transcatheter-edge-edge-repair-tricuspid-valve.pdf)

This article is for physicians, and hospitals.

* [MM14098 - Implementing the Transforming Episode Accountability Model: Skilled Nursing Facility 3-Day Rule Waiver](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm14098-implementing-transforming-episode-accountability-model-skilled-nursing-facility-3-day-rule.pdf)

This article is for acute care hospitals participating in the model, SNFs, and swing bed providers, including critical access hospitals.

* [MM14197 - ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: January 2026 Update (1 of 2)](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm14197-icd-10-other-coding-revisions-national-coverage-determinations-january-2026-update-1-2.pdf-0)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for services.

* [MM14194 - ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: January 2026 Update (2 of 2)](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm14194-icd-10-other-coding-revisions-national-coverage-determinations-january-2026-update-2-2.pdf)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for services.

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August 28, 2025

[MLN Connects® Newsletter for Thursday, August 28, 2025](https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/mln-connects-newsletter-august-28-2025)

News

* HHS Drives Reform to Restore Patient-Centered Care, Announces Request for Nominations of Members to Serve on Federal Healthcare Advisory Committee

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* Rural Health Clinic & Federal Qualified Health Center: Adjusting Claims for Care Coordination Services
* HCPCS Application Summaries & Coding Determinations: Non-Drug & Non-Biological Items and Services

MLN Matters® Articles

* Home-Based Noninvasive Positive Pressure Ventilation to Treat Chronic Respiratory Failure Due to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
* ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: January 2026 Update
* National Coverage Determination 20.38: Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair for Tricuspid Valve Regurgitation

Publications & Multimedia

* A Prescriber’s Guideto Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) Opioid Policies — Revised

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

Do you know that you can submit electronic claim files through our free online portal? Learn more about the SPOT Claim Submission/ERA features in this article.

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August 27, 2025

[Fast facts: CERT administrative relief during a disaster](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00306990)

Please read this article on what the CERT program may do in the event of a disaster.

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August 22, 2025

[Novitasphere system status](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00098561)

Due to system maintenance, several features will be unavailable from Saturday, August 23 at 1:30 p.m. EST through Sunday, August 24 at 6 p.m. EST.  View the full article for a list of features impacted.

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August 21, 2025

[MLN Connects® Newsletter for Thursday, August 21, 2025](https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/mln-connects-newsletter-august-21-2025)

News

* Information for Critical Access Hospitals
* 2023 Doctors & Clinicians Preview Period Closing August 21
* Nursing Home Care Compare Updates: Temporary Pause
* Ambulance Fee Schedule Ground Ambulance Services: Updated List of Advanced Life Support, Level 2 Procedures

Fraud, Waste & Abuse

* Crushing Fraud Chili Cook-Off Competition

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* Seasonal Flu Vaccine Pricing for 2025–2026 Season
* Integrated Outpatient Code Editor: Correcting Errors for Reason Code W7113
* Home Health Prospective Payment System Grouper: October Update

Publications & Multimedia

* Evaluation and Management Services — Revised
* Part C Organization Determinations, Appeals & Grievances — Revised
* Part D Coverage Determinations, Appeals & Grievances — Revised

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

Please review the new and revised code list for Radio-pharmaceutical and Skin substitute codes.

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

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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[Temporarily deactivating reason codes 31006 and 31007 for CAH method II claims](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00306790)

Please take time to read our new article regarding temporarily deactivating reason codes 31006 and 31007 for CAH method II claims.

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Attention exempt hospital outpatient departments (OPDs) – Revised additional documentation request (ADR) letters

Due to a claim issue identified, exempt hospital OPDs will be receiving a revised exemption ADR letter with a revised letter fax cover sheet. The letters will be sent by August 20, 2025, with the correct document control numbers (DCNs). Please respond to the revised exemption ADR letter using the revised letter fax cover sheet. Please disregard letters sent on August 1, 2025.

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August 19, 2025

[Part A Open Issues Log](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJH/pagebyid?contentId=00003625)

CMS has instructed the MACs to temporarily deactivate reason codes 31006 and 31007. Claims that received these reason codes will be reprocessed automatically.

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August 18, 2025

[Novitasphere login help](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00182701)

A new error may be received in September if you use a bookmark or favorites link to access Novitasphere. Updates were recently made to the single sign-on process that is used to access Novitasphere. These updates do not impact the login process or primary link to access the portal. However, changes are needed to any bookmarks or favorites that were previously saved to [www.novitasphere.com](http://www.novitasphere.com/). This article includes additional details to fix this error and other access issues.

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August 14, 2025

[MLN Connects® for Thursday, August 14, 2025](https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/mln-connects-newsletter-august-14-2025)

News

* FY 2026 SNF VBP Program: Download Your August 2025 Performance Score Reports

Compliance

* Skilled Nursing Facilities: Identify & Prevent Improper Part D Payments for Drugs

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* Method II Critical Access Hospitals
* Incarcerated Beneficiaries: Update to National Uniform Billing Committee Condition Code 63

MLN Matters® Articles

* Bypassing Common Working File Edits on Inpatient Medicare Part B Ancillary 12X Claims: Effective Date Change

Publications & Multimedia

* Medicare Preventive Services — Revised
* Combating Medicare Parts C & D Fraud, Waste & Abuse — Revised

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[Novitasphere login help](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00182701)

User ID accounts will be locked after three failed attempts. If this happens, please do not continue attempting access. Additional failed attempts will result in your account being suspended. We ask that you avoid account suspensions by waiting at least one hour for the system to automatically unlock your account and then try again. You could also try to reset your password, but a correct answer is required to your security question. If you do not know your security question answer, or if you continue to have trouble after waiting an hour, please call the Novitasphere Help Desk.

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August 12, 2025

Literature Review Methodology for Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs)

When developing LCDs Novitas will use publicly available evidence of general acceptance by the medical community including but not limited to published original research in peer-reviewed medical journals, randomized clinical trials, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses, evidence-based consensus statements and clinical guidelines. This article provides stakeholders further insight into Novitas’ evidentiary review process in support of more predictable and transparent evidence-based health policy development. Refer to our [Evidence-based Health Policy: Literature Review Methodology for Local Coverage Determinations](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName:00283981) article.

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August 7, 2025

[MLN Connects® Newsletter for Thursday, August 7, 2025](https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/mln-connects-newsletter-august-7-2025)

News

* Laboratories: Switch to Electronic Fee Coupons & CLIA Certificates
* Improve Your Search Results for CMS Content

Fraud, Waste & Abuse

* Crushing Fraud

Compliance

* Evaluation & Management Services: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* Ambulance Claims: Revised July ZIP Code Files
* Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System: FY 2025 Pricer Update

Events

* CMS Listening Session: Opportunities to Enhance Real-Time Claims Processing & EDI Cybersecurity Controls — August 13

MLN Matters® Articles

* Billing the Laboratory Specimen Collection Travel Allowance to the 10th of a Mile
* National Coverage Determination 20.37: Transcatheter Tricuspid Valve Replacement
* Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System: July 2025 Update — Revised

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August 4, 2025

MLN Connects Newsletter: 5 FY 2026 Final Payment Rules – Monday, August 4, 2025

FY 2026 Final Payment Rules

* [Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System & Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Ffact-sheets%2Ffy-2026-hospital-inpatient-prospective-payment-system-ipps-and-long-term-care-hospital-prospective-0/1/01010198759f6027-77b1a8c3-11eb-480a-8986-b37da9170927-000000/o-qDqYxjSrTMgFyPNzk8SZkfqSOKy1w_k_xRphQYSpc=416)
* [Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Ffact-sheets%2Ffy-2026-inpatient-rehabilitation-facilities-prospective-payment-system-final-rule-cms-1829-f/1/01010198759f6027-77b1a8c3-11eb-480a-8986-b37da9170927-000000/n6vWl_ckSfdwogTGd7fWRuUTOhUwVk7O4yf7CfOcP8U=416)
* [Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System & Quality Reporting Updates](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Ffact-sheets%2Ffy-2026-medicare-inpatient-psychiatric-facility-prospective-payment-system-ipf-pps-and-quality/1/01010198759f6027-77b1a8c3-11eb-480a-8986-b37da9170927-000000/mUQfgfbyf46Ydu1fStLZ6jX04BD2fDJSPtUpTV53Kes=416)
* [Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Ffact-sheets%2Ffy-2026-skilled-nursing-facility-snf-prospective-payment-system-final-rule-cms-1827-f/1/01010198759f6027-77b1a8c3-11eb-480a-8986-b37da9170927-000000/oPBBDRwizsXLMi9PJgVZGB1s2TXJVtmA_0-ZVT7F-Nc=416)
* [Hospice Wage Index, Payment Rate Update & Quality Reporting Program Requirements](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Ffact-sheets%2Ffy-2026-hospice-wage-index-and-payment-rate-update-and-hospice-quality-reporting-program/1/01010198759f6027-77b1a8c3-11eb-480a-8986-b37da9170927-000000/gtxdx1gOiB756RiA4o1cc9T3BxHTVFw_z8wJ9aF4XII=416)

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[August EDI newsletter](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName:00306390)

The August 2025 electronic billing newsletter is now available.

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The National Part A/B MAC Ambulance supplier coalition meeting will be Wednesday, September 17, at 2:00 p.m. ET [Register now](ddocname:00301867)!

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August 1, 2025

[IVR Elimination](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00291193)

The option to obtain patient eligibility information from the interactive voice response (IVR) system is being eliminated. This requirement was effective for all NJ providers July 1. All other JL states will be effective September 1, 2025. Eligibility will no longer be available from the IVR for any JL providers.

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[Skilled Nursing Facilities: Revalidation Deadline Extended to January](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00296788) 1, 2026

Please read our article if you haven’t submitted the SNF revalidation.

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

Learn more about the Novitasphere appeal features including appeal request submission, obtaining appeal status, and retrieving the decision letters.

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July 31, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: July 31, 2025](https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2025-07-31-mlnc)

News

* White House, Tech Leaders Commit to Create Patient-Centric Healthcare Ecosystem
* Medicare & Medicaid at 60: Strengthening Health Care for the Future
* Skilled Nursing Facilities: Revalidation Deadline Extended to January 1

Compliance

* Opioid Use Disorder: Learn about Services to Help Your Patients Continue Treatment

MLN Matters® Articles

* Acute Kidney Injury Renal Dialysis Billing: Additional Revenue Codes
* Laboratory National Coverage Determination Edit Software Updates: October 2025

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

Please review the new and revised code list for drugs.

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July 30, 2025

[Fast Facts: CERT C3HUB provider website overview](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00306190)

Please take a minute to read our new article.

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[CERT awareness month 2025: We appreciate your efforts](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00306191)

Please read the final article for CERT awareness month 2025.

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[Join us for the A/B DME Collaborative wheelchair options and accessories webinar September 30](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00306192)

Representatives from all four DME MAC jurisdictions and the A/B MACs to explain medical records requirements for wheelchair options and accessories. We hope you’ll join the MACs for this valuable educational opportunity!

Event date and time:

* Tuesday September 30, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. ET/11:30 p.m. CT/10:30 a.m. MT

Please register for this educational opportunity and review the updated article.

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM14159 - Acute Kidney Injury Renal Dialysis Billing: Additional Revenue Codes](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm14159-acute-kidney-injury-renal-dialysis-billing-additional-revenue-codes.pdf)

This article is for hospitals, physicians, home health agencies, hospices, and other providers billing MACs for outpatient hospital services.

* [MM14153 - Laboratory National Coverage Determination Edit Software Updates: October 2025](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm14153-laboratory-national-coverage-determination-edit-software-updates-october-2025.pdf)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for services.

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July 28, 2025

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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July 22, 2025

[CERT Awareness Month 2025: Verify your medical records correspondence address](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00305992)

Read this article for steps to take to verify your medical records correspondence.

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[Preventive services health observances](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00300790)

World Hepatitis Day aims to raise global awareness of hepatitis and encourage prevention, diagnosis, and treatment for everyone. Medicare covers hepatitis B and C screenings for high-risk patients.

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[Multi-jurisdictional CAC meeting to be held August 20 on coronary intravascular lithotripsy (IVL)](https://www.ngsmedicare.com/web/ngs/contractor-advisory-committee-cac?selectedArticleId=3261501&lob=93617&state=97256&rgion=93623)

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 coronary intravascular lithotripsy (IVL).

 Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET

The purpose of the meeting is to obtain advice from subject matter experts (SMEs) regarding the strength of published evidence on coronary intravascular lithotripsy (IVL). 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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[Response to severe storms, straight-line winds, and flooding in the state of Texas](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00305993)

CMS announces resources and flexibilities to assist with the public health emergency in the state of Texas.

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[NCD 110.24: Chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy – Billing instructions](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00251505)

This article was updated to remove the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS) and KX modifier requirements.

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July 17, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: July 17, 2025](https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2025-07-17-mlnc)

News

* CMS Announces Resources, Flexibilities to Assist with Public Health Emergency in State of Texas
* Skilled Nursing Facilities: Revalidation Deadline Extended to January 1
* Join an Accountable Care Organization

Compliance

* Ostomy Supplies: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* Core-Based Statistical Area: Revised ZIP Code Files

Publications & Multimedia

* Chronic Care Management Services — Revised
* Patients in Custody Under a Penal Authority — 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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July 16, 2025

CY 2026 Proposed Payment Rule

* [CMS Proposes Bold Reforms to Modernize Hospital Payments, Strengthen Transparency, and Put Patients Back in Control](https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-proposes-bold-reforms-modernize-hospital-payments-strengthen-transparency-and-put-patients-back)

News

* [CMS Expands Access to Lifesaving Gene Therapies Through Innovative State Agreements](https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-expands-access-lifesaving-gene-therapies-through-innovative-state-agreements)

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[Do you call for multiple facilities? Upcoming changes](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/ContactInformation_JL)

Effective 8/11/2025, the Provider Contact Center will service up to three inquiries for only one PTAN / NPI combination per call. You will need to hang up and call back if you have questions on a different PTAN / NPI combination. Please make sure that you are prepared with your PTAN, NPI, Tax Identification Number, and beneficiary information as appropriate prior to reaching our representatives. This will allow us to handle your telephone call more efficiently.

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July 15, 2025

Provider Education Message:

[CMS Proposes Physician Payment Rule to Significantly Cut Spending Waste, Enhance Quality Measures, and Improve Chronic Disease Management for People with Medicare](https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-proposes-physician-payment-rule-significantly-cut-spending-waste-enhance-quality-measures-and)

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July 14, 2025

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

Revisions have been added to vaccines, drugs, and skin substitutes for HCPCS codes which no longer require an actual paper invoice but rather these codes do require invoice information to be entered into the narrative field on the claim.

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[Medical records for laboratory and pathology codes](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00294519)

Avoid negative impacts to your claims by providing the medical records for the laboratory and pathology code claim submissions indicated in this article. Novitas requests specific documentation with submission of these specific pathology, lab and other codes.

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July 11, 2025

[CERT awareness month 2025: Steps to take if you get a CERT documentation request](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00305590)

Read this article for steps to take if you receive a CERT documentation request.

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July 10, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: July 10, 2025](https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2025-07-10-mlnc" \t "_blank)

News

* Hospital Price Transparency: Respond to Accuracy & Completeness RFI by July 21
* Alert: Medicare Fraud Scheme Involving Phishing Requests Via Fax and Other Means
* Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair for Tricuspid Valve Regurgitation: Final National Coverage Determination

Compliance

* Medicare Improperly Paid Suppliers for Intermittent Urinary Catheters
* Acute Care Hospital Outpatient Services for Hospice Enrollees: Reduce Improper Payments

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* HCPCS Application Summaries & Coding Decisions: Drugs & Biologicals

From Our Federal Partners

* Providers Accepting CHAMPVA: You Must Get Paid by EFT

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July 8, 2025

[Hospital off-campus outpatient department enrollment requirements](ddocname:00280308)

In the hospital practice location section, there is a field to indicate your type of practice location. If you are an outpatient provider-based department (PBD) site that provides services in hospital outpatient departments that are integrated with a hospital, select your Practice Location Type as Outpatient Provider-Based Department (PBD) Site, and then select the appropriate PBD type from the drop down on the application. It is imperative to provide the appropriate practice location type.

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[CERT awareness month: 2025 CERT documentation](ddocname:00305391)

Please review our new article more about focusing on responding to CERT documentation requests.

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July 7, 2025

[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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July 3, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: July 3, 2025](https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2025-07-03-mlnc" \t "_blank)

Proposed Payment Rules

* ESRD: CY 2026 Proposed Rule — Submit Comments by August 29
* Home Health: CY 2026 Proposed Rule — Submit Comments by August 29

News

* CMS Launches New Model to Target Wasteful, Inappropriate Services in Original Medicare
* National Health Care Fraud Takedown Results in 324 Defendants Charged in Connection with Over $14.6 Billion in Alleged Fraud
* Skilled Nursing Facilities: Revalidation Deadline August 1
* Hospice Quality Reporting Program: Vendor Update Slide Deck & Errata for Data Specifications Effective October 1

MLN Matters® Articles

* Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System: FY 2026 Pricer Update
* Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: July 2025 Update

Publications & Multimedia

* Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Services — Revised

Information for Patients

* CMS Notifies Individuals Potentially Impacted by Data Incident

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July 1, 2025

[CERT insider's guide Part A second quarter 2025](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00300595)

Please review this article for information on claim errors assessed during the CERT review process and ways to mitigate these errors in the future.

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[Novitasphere claims features](ddocname:00286381)

Learn more about the Novitasphere claim features including claim status, claim summary, medical review claims, and provider data summary.

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June 30, 2025

[Fast facts: Responding to CERT Additional Documentation Requests](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00305190)

This article has resources available for Responding to CERT Additional Documentation Requests.

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June 27, 2025

Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) Contract Update

On April 28, 2025, CMS awarded Cotiviti GOV Services LLC the Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) contracts for Region 4. Region 4 includes JE, JF, and JL.  Cotiviti GOV Services LLC is the incumbent contractor for Region 4.

CMS anticipates Cotiviti will begin conducting reviews in the summer of 2025. Please go to [www.cotiviti.com/RAC](http://www.cotiviti.com/RAC) for more information and to learn about our Provider Portal.

To contact Cotiviti Region 4:

Phone: 833-510-9689

Fax: 203-529-2995

Email: [rac4info@cotiviti.com](mailto:rac4info@cotiviti.com)

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[Skilled Nursing Facilities: Revalidation Deadline Extended to August 1](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00296788)

All enrolled skilled nursing facilities are reminded that a revalidation – including the SNF attachment information – is due on or before August 1, 2025. If you haven’t already submitted the SNF revalidation, please read [Skilled nursing facilities (SNF) revalidation](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00296788).

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June 26, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: June 26, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-06-26-mlnc/2/01010197ac8c257f-ee5eb299-a9a6-4f5e-b228-485c1069a040-000000/j5dUYL4zrJc-CX7Np5-DIFUBM3-nvcdykU3UuSw4BXY=411)

News

* Alert: Medicare Fraud Scheme Involving Phishing Fax Requests
* Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program: CY 2025 Payment Rates

Compliance

* Commodes, Bed Pans & Urinals: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* Integrated Outpatient Code Editor Version 26.2
* Medical Education: Don’t Submit Claims for Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

MLN Matters® Articles

* DMEPOS Fee Schedule: July 2025 Quarterly Update

Publications & Multimedia

* Medicare & Mental Health Coverage — Revised
* Substance Use Screenings & Treatment — Revised

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June 23, 2025

[Preventive services health observances](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00300790)

National HIV testing day is a day to encourage people to get tested for HIV, determine their status, and if necessary, get linked to care and treatment. Medicare covers an annual HIV test as a preventive service and waives the copayment, coinsurance and deductible for the patient.

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Limited Systems Availability

There will be Common Working File (CWF) "dark days" Thursday, July 3, 2025, through Sunday, July 6, 2025, due to the July 2025 release installation. In addition, the Customer Contact Center will be closed Friday, July 4th. The interactive voice response (IVR) unit will have limited availability.

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June 18, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: June 18, 2025](https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2025-06-18-mlnc" \t "_blank)

News

* 2023 Doctors & Clinicians Preview Period Open Until June 25
* Hospital Price Transparency: Respond to Accuracy & Completeness RFI by July 21
* Medicare Part B Discarded Drug Program: Get the Latest Updates
* Medicare Part B Blood Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee Guidance
* Medicare Part B Average Sales Price Guidance

MLN Matters® Articles

* Updates to Colorectal Cancer Screening & Hepatitis B Vaccine Policies

From Our Federal Partners

* VA Recovering Overpaid Claims from Some CHAMPVA Providers

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Unsolicited/Voluntary Refunds

Medicare contractors receive unsolicited/voluntary refunds (i.e., monies received not related to an open account receivable). Part A contractors generally receive unsolicited/voluntary refunds in the form of an adjustment bill but may receive some unsolicited/voluntary refunds as checks. Part B contractors generally receive checks. Substantial funds are returned to the Medicare trust fund each year through such unsolicited/voluntary refunds.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services reminds providers that:

The acceptance of a voluntary refund as repayment for the claims specified in no way affects or limits the rights of the federal government, or any of its agencies or agents, to pursue any appropriate criminal, civil, or administrative remedies arising from or relating to these or any other claims.

Source: [CMS Pub. 100-06, Chapter 5, Section 410.10](https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/fin106c05.pdf)

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

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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June 17, 2025

[Submitting high dollar claims for single use vials](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00304794)

Please take a minute to read our new article.

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June 16, 2025

[Medicare portable X-ray survey reminder newsletter](ddocname:00304795)

MACs are conducting a national cost analysis survey to assess the transportation components of portable X-ray services, specifically HCPCS codes R0070 and R0075. Survey results will directly impact reimbursement rates starting in 2026. Providers are encouraged to submit their responses before the July 31 deadline.

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June 12, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: June 12, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-06-12-mlnc/2/010101976473861e-5cf3e827-d95e-4cfe-8e8a-92aea7321866-000000/mIkJH8AOh3jdNKe2vzI-MMyocKu3N2LoXGhos3Psm4Q=409)

News

* Final National Coverage Determination: Noninvasive Positive Pressure Ventilation in Home for Treatment of Chronic Respiratory Failure Consequent to COPD
* Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program: June 2025 Confidential Feedback Reports

Compliance

* Mechanical Ventilation: Bill Correctly for Inpatient Claims
* SNF Services: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* ICD-10 Codes: FY 2026
* National Correct Coding Initiative: July Update

MLN Matters® Articles

* Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System: July 2025 Update
* ESRD Prospective Payment System: July 2025 Update
* ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: October 2025 Update

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June 6, 2025

[CPT category III T codes](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00286784)

Review the revised listing of CPT category III T codes that require documentation to avoid negative impacts to your claims.

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June 5, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: June 5, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-06-05-mlnc/2/010101974066fdae-d1341b6c-3ad7-4f78-b692-be1286e6fc0e-000000/m8OVzfHJvEsngwTunWZ6BvmjRQk9AJAYSg9Obmez0DY=408)

News

* 2023 Doctors & Clinicians Preview Period Open Until June 25
* Hospital Price Transparency: Respond to Accuracy & Completeness RFI by July 21
* Medicare & Veteran Affairs: Adjustments for Duplicate Claims Start Next Month
* Join an Accountable Care Organization

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* RHC & FQHC Care Coordination Services: HCPCS Code G0511 Deadline Extended to September 30
* Medical Education: Submit No-Pay Bills for Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

MLN Matters® Articles

* ESRD & Acute Kidney Injury Dialysis: CY 2025 Updates — Revised

Publications & Multimedia

* Quality in Focus Interactive Video Series: 4 New Videos to Enhance Quality of Care

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June 3, 2025

[Using the KX modifier for dental services inextricably linked to covered medical services](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00294344)

Beginning July 1, 2025, providers are encouraged to include the KX modifier on 837D claims submitted with dental services inextricably linked to covered medical services. Please read the article for additional information.

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June 2, 2025

[Skilled nursing facilities: Revalidation deadline extended to August 1](https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2025-04-17-mlnc" \l "_Toc195616278)

All enrolled skilled nursing facilities are reminded that a revalidation – including the SNF attachment information – is due on or before August 1, 2025. If you haven’t already submitted the SNF revalidation, please read [Skilled nursing facilities (SNF) revalidation](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00296788).

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

Read information about the Novitasphere User Guide. This guide is intended to answer all questions related to Novitasphere.

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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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[Fast facts: Skilled nursing facility (SNF) helpful hints](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00304390)

Please review our new article on helpful hints regarding SNF common errors.

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[Preventive services health observances](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00300790)

May was national mental health month, talk with your patients about preventive services for mental health treatment which is at little or no costs to patients.

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May 30, 2025

[Eligibility elimination from the IVR](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00291193)

Access to patient eligibility information will only be available in the Novitasphere portal. The option to obtain eligibility from the interactive voice response (IVR) system is being eliminated in phases. The first phase of this requirement is effective for all New Jersey providers July 1. All providers should begin to access Novitasphere for eligibility today.

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May 29, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: May 29, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-05-29-mlnc/2/010101971c5a54e5-fa0b286b-dbf7-4813-9a49-d29841d436f1-000000/LzNQUg-Apcu5aj1QZhZ7q-NlGBXJafghht5U3O9F0rE=407)

News

* Inpatient Hospital Admissions: Transferring Medical Review Responsibilities for Short Stay Claims
* Medicare Shared Savings Program: Apply Now

MLN Matters® Articles

* National Coverage Determination 20.36: Implantable Pulmonary Artery Pressure Sensors for Heart Failure Management
* Qualifications for Speech-Language Pathologists Providing Outpatient Speech-Language Pathology Services

From Our Federal Partners

* Providers Accepting CHAMPVA: You Must Enroll in EFT to Get Paid

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May 23, 2025

Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Treasury Announce Move to Strengthen Healthcare Price Transparency

Trump administration issues request for information, guidance to expand access to real prices

The departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and the Treasury took action to advance President Trump’s directive to ensure Americans have clear, accurate, and actionable information about healthcare prices.

The departments [jointly issued a Request for Information (RFI) seeking public input](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.dol.gov%2Fsites%2Fdolgov%2Ffiles%2Febsa%2Flaws-and-regulations%2Flaws%2Faffordable-care-act%2Ffor-employers-and-advisers%2Frfi-regarding-prescription-drug-machine-readable-file-requirement-in-the-transparency-in-coverage-final-rule.pdf/1/01010196f9908285-c1047930-91f3-4f14-af64-24900166429a-000000/0xc3Xsqh45p6uW_e_tDx1vI29CB0WlAJ-ksNTH0uHMU=406) on how to improve prescription drug price transparency. The agencies also released [updated guidance](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.dol.gov%2Fagencies%2Febsa%2Fabout-ebsa%2Four-activities%2Fresource-center%2Ffaqs%2Faca-part-70/1/01010196f9908285-c1047930-91f3-4f14-af64-24900166429a-000000/f880mBuCLG8Gp9K9Ft04ivICd2_ZSgI6LOVMlr9kaWo=406) for health plans and issuers that sets a clear applicability date for publishing an enhanced technical format for disclosures. These improvements are designed to eliminate meaningless or duplicative data and make cost information easier for consumers to understand and use.

Separately, CMS released new guidance, available on the Hospital Price Transparency [resources](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fgcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com%2F%3Furl=https%253A%252F%252Fwww.cms.gov%252Fpriorities%252Fkey-initiatives%252Fhospital-price-transparency%252Fresources%26data=05%257C02%257CKnebel.Kristen.CR%2540dol.gov%257Cb6753831669544f308da08dd994028ab%257C75a6305472044e0c9126adab971d4aca%257C0%257C0%257C638835223035062470%257CUnknown%257CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%253D%253D%257C0%257C%257C%257C%26sdata=a9FAb2ciz96t2e%252BHrlSZhNh0RlH2nYf3B4M8QuGPFU4%253D%26reserved=0/1/01010196f9908285-c1047930-91f3-4f14-af64-24900166429a-000000/I8Z8777YBwledeAULrWg_ioCIDXfVHsVohhj8erIQ1A=406) website, to strengthen the Hospital Price Transparency requirements, requiring hospitals to post the actual prices of items and services, not estimates. CMS also issued its own [RFI](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Fpriorities%2Fkey-initiatives%2Fhospital-price-transparency%2Faccuracy-and-completeness-rfi/1/01010196f9908285-c1047930-91f3-4f14-af64-24900166429a-000000/qu219QJt626kMQ8WVzZSA4j8nGao0WKo1doRkxIUjWs=406) to gather public feedback on how to boost hospital compliance and enforcement and ensure data shared is accurate and complete.

See the [full press release](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Fpress-releases%2Fdepartments-labor-health-and-human-services-treasury-announce-move-strengthen-healthcare-price/1/01010196f9908285-c1047930-91f3-4f14-af64-24900166429a-000000/_NZQ4LWysxQ2Ut3A8GRxV7_S0VB0wnYpGAzTIVFIb6M=406) for more information.

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May 22, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: May 22, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-05-22-mlnc/2/01010196f84d59a1-658c71a2-832c-42ce-a084-ff47ebe1015c-000000/-l7FuNy5QHiE5iUB0JvmdH4QeXVdJT1kAIedVKe3SAs=406)

News

* Discarded Drugs: Get Updated Lists
* Medicare Provider Payment & Utilization Public Use Files: Annual Update
* Medicare Fee-for-Service Geographic Variation Public Use Files & Interactive Dashboard: Annual Update
* CMS Fast Facts: Annual Update

Compliance

* Skilled Nursing Facilities: Identify & Prevent Improper Part D Payments for Drugs
* Psychiatric Care: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database: July Update

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

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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May 21, 2025

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

Revised colorectal cancer screening and ultrasound abdominal aortic aneurysm screening.

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May 15, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: May 15, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-05-15-mlnc/2/01010196d440ef59-13f4fc40-f304-4204-845b-35c561a1bb92-000000/B2DPeibV2SwlmMJzfwdmj1pc54WXKHs3kXDPx1GO2dw=405)

News

* CMS Releases Draft Guidance for the Third Cycle of Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program to Lower Drug Prices for American Patients
* Opioid Treatment Programs: CY 2025 Updates
* Laboratories: Switch to Electronic Fee Coupons & CLIA Certificates
* National Mental Health Awareness Month

Compliance

* Remote Patient Monitoring: Use & Bill Correctly

Events

* Help Transform the Medicare Beneficiary Health Care Experience

MLN Matters® Articles

* New Waived Tests

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

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May 13, 2025

Provider Education Message:

News

* [CMS Seeks Public Input on Improving Technology to Empower Medicare Beneficiaries](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Fpress-releases%2Fcms-seeks-public-input-improving-technology-empower-medicare-beneficiaries/1/01010196ca8a033f-b2ae21cd-57d6-49d2-b99c-729c797b19ba-000000/h60uxphHJihY1yopP-EHyBhHsv_psjByUi-i39wsjhU=404)

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May 12, 2025

[Updated EDI forms communication](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00295585)

Minor updates were made to several of the EDI and Novitasphere enrollment forms. The most recent version number is R5-25.

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

Due to scheduled maintenance at Companion Data Services (CDS),  the Direct Data Entry (DDE) system will not be available on Saturday, May 17.

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May 8, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: May 8, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-05-08-mlnc/2/01010196b0347e21-e88bb9a6-ec6a-4a1f-b8ae-210f0db8599f-000000/lkbNQOB4k0bzjhFeyM1FOXdYbDJBGkavrPoQL8wDipI=404)

News

* Direct Graduate Medical Education: Get Annual Update Factors

Compliance

* Walkers: Prevent Claim Denials

Events

* HCPCS Public Meeting — June 2–3
* Medicare Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests — July 23–24

Publications & Multimedia

* Medicare Preventive Services — Revised

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May 6, 2025

[Inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF) coverage requirements webinar](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008010)

Join us Wednesday, May 7, 2025, where we will review IRF coverage and documentation requirements to support reasonable and necessary IRF admission. Please visit our educational events calendar page to [register](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008010).

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May 1, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: May 1, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-05-01-mlnc/2/010101968c28e44d-9993106a-3885-44f8-8696-33c596bc7c6c-000000/qm6vNyNwIQ3RpHxwWIpkfy_hEBOq-VLs-_tgngHvL1c=403)

News

* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule Preliminary Gapfill Rates: Submit Comments by June 28

Compliance

* Acute Care Hospital Outpatient Services for Hospice Enrollees: Reduce Improper Payments
* Wheelchair Seating: Prevent Claim Denials

Events

* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule Annual Public Meeting — June 27

MLN Matters® Articles

* Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System: April 2025 Update
* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule & Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment: July 2025 Update
* HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Enforcement: July 2025 Quarterly Update

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

Direct links to many valuable resources are available in Novitasphere.

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[May EDI newsletter](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName:00303198)

The May 2025 electronic billing newsletter is now available.

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[Skilled nursing facilities: Revalidation deadline extended to August 1, 2025](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00296788)

Reminding all skilled nursing facilities a revalidation application is due on August 1, 2025. For further information see [Skilled nursing facilities (SNF) revalidation](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00296788).

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April 30, 2025

[Fast facts: Education on CERT Errors](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00303197)

This [article](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00303197) provides insights into the educational initiatives implemented following the assessment of a CERT error.

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April 29, 2025

[Join us for the A/B DME Collaborative surgical dressings webinar May 06](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00218702)

Representatives from all four DME MAC jurisdictions and the A/B MACs to explain medical records requirements for surgical dressings. Please [register](https://cvent.me/drBOV3) for this educational opportunity and review the updated [article](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00218702).

Event date and time: Tuesday May 6, 2025, at noon ET

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April 25, 2025

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

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April 24, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Apr 24, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-04-24-mlnc/2/01010196681b7e61-a18bfb43-8bb3-47a3-9adb-1b5248ed30ba-000000/HVpNdV6hvVOxsaAwG2rFcdhGLu0a0q6kGMPiu8Nte-E=402)

News

* Open Payments: Review Your Data by May 15
* Medicare Shared Savings Program: Application Toolkit Materials

MLN Matters® Articles

* Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities: Return to Provider Claims with Point of Origin for Admission or Visit Code D & Charges for Emergency Department Services

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April 23, 2025

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM14026 - Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities: Return to Provider Claims with Point of Origin for Admission or Visit Code D & Charges for Emergency Department Services](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm14026-inpatient-psychiatric-facilities-return-provider-claims-point-origin-admission-or-visit-code.pdf)

This article is for hospitals, physicians, home health agencies, hospices, and other providers billing MACs for outpatient hospital services.

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[Preventive services health observances](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00300790)

April is alcohol awareness month, talk with your patients who drink alcohol about potential risks. Please read our article for alcohol misuse screening and counseling coverage.

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April 22, 2025

[NCD 110.24 Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy – Billing instructions](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00251505)

Please read the updated NCD 110.24 Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy – Billing instructions article.

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April 17, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Apr 17, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-04-17-mlnc/2/01010196440f20ff-fd425a31-240f-4e83-a32e-4aefc6c80730-000000/MaCsImvIr1pwcvhym9O-GfI11tscU347XHb8DSsIaqw=401)

News

* Clotting Factors: Medicare Part B Pays for Alhemo & Qfitlia
* Skilled Nursing Facilities: Revalidation Deadline Extended to August 1
* Raise Awareness & Understanding of Alcohol Use and Misuse

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

View the most recent updates for our LCDs and articles.

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[AB Collaborative surgical dressings webinar coming May 06!](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00302790)

The first National Part A/B MAC ambulance supplier coalition meeting will be on Thursday, May 22 at 2:00 p.m. ET – 4:00 p.m. ET. [Register now](ddocname:00301867)!

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

Please take a minute to review updated Molecular pathology and genetic testing article.

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April 16, 2025

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

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April 15, 2025

[Outpatient rehabilitation](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00005011)

An FAQ has been revised relating to the reimbursement for an outpatient rehabilitation facility (CORF) versus an outpatient physical therapy (OPT) or rehabilitation agency. Please take time to review the recent update.

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[National AB MAC ambulance provider/supplier coalition meeting invite](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00301867)

The first National Part A/B MAC Ambulance supplier coalition meeting will be on Thursday May 22 at 2:00 p.m. ET – 4:00 p.m. ET. [Register now](ddocname:00301867)!

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April 14, 2025

FY 2026 Proposed Payment Rules

* [CMS Seeks Public Input on Inpatient Hospital Whole-Person Care, Proposes Updates to Medicare Payments](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Fpress-releases%2Fcms-seeks-public-input-inpatient-hospital-whole-person-care-proposes-updates-medicare-payments/1/0101019634c06ff7-7bd18ac8-ff77-44aa-9943-46cb2904af5b-000000/UXtZC_ULUHdyj7Ouh7Y0-L5insZa4nu1NGH-Sd9VGxc=400)
* [Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Ffact-sheets%2Ffiscal-year-2026-inpatient-rehabilitation-facility-prospective-payment-system-proposed-rule-cms-1829/1/0101019634c06ff7-7bd18ac8-ff77-44aa-9943-46cb2904af5b-000000/OTrCgl2lbUCrqdLjMhmvknz8vGykQYnmFMtgBs_LGPU=400)
* [Hospice Wage Index & Payment Rate Update](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Ffact-sheets%2Ffiscal-year-2026-hospice-wage-index-and-payment-rate-update-proposed-rule-cms-1835-p-fact-sheet/1/0101019634c06ff7-7bd18ac8-ff77-44aa-9943-46cb2904af5b-000000/P-wpQKSpScsi9nD9FQJvpCx2M5eTtl6UYI9SwHYBm5I=400)
* [Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System & Quality Reporting Updates](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Ffact-sheets%2Ffiscal-year-2026-medicare-inpatient-psychiatric-facility-prospective-payment-system-and-quality/1/0101019634c06ff7-7bd18ac8-ff77-44aa-9943-46cb2904af5b-000000/Nn6OG3SQDG3zC2U71IP45eTmio7LOCHSw3MVLOyuh6g=400)
* [Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Ffact-sheets%2Ffiscal-year-2026-skilled-nursing-facility-prospective-payment-system-proposed-rule-cms-1827-p-fact/1/0101019634c06ff7-7bd18ac8-ff77-44aa-9943-46cb2904af5b-000000/DhYCTT6HXc47Zbqvl3B7nN6_m5BnakfZSYlvRZhGPN4=400)

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April 11, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Apr 11, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-04-11-mlnc/2/0101019625c2bc55-e34083c0-0c56-4dd5-8d87-53e344a3944f-000000/D7WjMqSQ1uxGIVh4F_ZHY434CAlmiClAmNYOuqEVO7c=400)

News

* Dr. Mehmet Oz Shares Vision for CMS
* Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program: March 2025 Confidential Feedback Reports
* Skilled Nursing Facilities: Revalidation Deadline is May 1

Compliance

* Pneumatic Compression Devices: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database: April Update
* Integrated Outpatient Code Editor Version 26.1

MLN Matters® Articles

* ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: July 2025 Update
* DMEPOS Fee Schedule: April 2025 Quarterly Update
* Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: April 2025 Update

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

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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April 10, 2025

[Is the managing employee section current on your enrollment record?](ddocname:00302596)

All existing Medicare providers and suppliers must report all current managing employees on their Medicare enrollment record to avoid having that enrollment deactivated. For further information see Medicare providers & suppliers must report managing employees.

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April 7, 2025

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13990 - DMEPOS Fee Schedule: April 2025 Quarterly Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13990-dmepos-fee-schedule-april-2025-quarterly-update.pdf)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for DMEPOS services they provide to Medicare patients.

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

View the most recent updates for our LCDs and articles.

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April 4, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Apr 3, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-04-03-mlnc/2/01010195fd5f7c4c-c0114d58-5b58-4235-a239-046b7331d81b-000000/0uQ2Zl9rAvTkTs4_ZtHFlZULHki0ycQOXNf0keBFzFY=399)

News

* Home Infusion Therapy & Intravenous Immune Globulin Services: Get Monitoring Reports
* Medicare Providers & Suppliers: Report Managing Employees
* External User Services Help Desk: New Contact Information
* Advanced Primary Care Management Services: Get Information about Billing Medicare

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* Lower Limb Orthoses: Prevent Claim Denials

MLN Matters® Articles

* Rural Health Clinic & Federally Qualified Health Center Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Update

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[Skilled nursing facilities reminder: Revalidation deadline is May 1, 2025](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00296788)

Reminding all skilled nursing facilities a revalidation application is due on May 1, 2025. For further information see [Skilled nursing facilities (SNF) revalidation](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00296788).

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April 3, 2025

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13993 - Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: April 2025 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13993-hospital-outpatient-prospective-payment-system-april-2025-update.pdf)

This article is for hospitals, physicians, home health agencies, hospices, and other providers billing MACs for outpatient hospital services.

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[On-Demand Learning](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/OutreachandEducation_JL/OnDemand)

Visit the [On-Demand Learning](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/OutreachandEducation_JL/OnDemand) center for a full listing of webinar recordings and click-and-play videos.  New topics include dental services, behavioral health, and laboratory services.

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April 1, 2025

[Preventive services health observances](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00300790)

March is national kidney and nutrition month. Please take a minute to read our article for information on preventive screenings for chronic kidney risk factors and preventive services for nutrition-related health conditions.

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[Fast facts: CERT claim sampling and review process](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00302390)

Read this article for information about CERT claim sampling and review process.

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[CERT Insider's Guide - Part A first quarter 2025](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00302391)

Please read this article to learn more about claim errors assessed during the CERT review process and ways to mitigate these errors in the future.

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March 31, 2025

Telehealth extension

The [Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025](https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1968/text) extended certain Medicare provisions through September 30, 2025, for telehealth services. As a result, the following articles have been updated. [Provider specialty: Telehealth services,](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00144729) [Telehealth services](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00027460), and [Telehealth services modifiers](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00144501).

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[Novitasphere account updates](ddocname:00286381)

Learn how to make changes to your existing portal setup.

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March 28, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Mar 27, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-03-27-mlnc/2/01010195d9a02e63-efe4cad3-a150-4999-a083-2d75065b246c-000000/GDvhvCvMudRC2lxk8jGuOqh9gwXJwxvtBlu6LH2AQt8=398)

News

* Extension of Medicare Provisions
* Final National Coverage Determination: Transcatheter Tricuspid Valve Replacement
* Nutrition-Related Health Conditions: Recommend Medicare Preventive Services

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Discarded Drugs & Biologicals: Deleted HCPCS Code

MLN Matters® Articles

* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule & Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment: April 2025 Quarterly Update
* HCPCS Codes & Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments Edits: April 2025
* Improving Payment Accuracy for Physician Services in Skilled Nursing Facilities
* Processing Hospice Claims – Principal Diagnosis Code Reporting Update: Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 11, Sections 30.3, 40.2 & 50
* Roster Billing for Hepatitis B: July 2025 Release — Revised

Publications & Multimedia

* Hospital Price Transparency
* 2025 Medicare Part C and Part D Reporting Requirements and Data Validation — Revised

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Limited Systems Availability

There will be Common Working File (CWF) "dark days" April 4, 2025, through Sunday, April 6, 2025, due to the April 2025 release installation. The interactive voice response (IVR) unit will have limited availability.

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March 27, 2025

[Preventive services health observances](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00300790)

March is colorectal cancer awareness month, encourage patient screening to help early detection when treatment is most effective.

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[Hospital outpatient department (OPD) prior authorization (PA) exemption process reminders](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00246904)

OPDs who qualified for an exempt status effective January 1, 2025, need have at least ten claims submitted and finalized with a date of service (DOS) on or after January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025. Providers who do not have a minimum of ten finalized claims with DOS on or after January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, will not participate in the additional documentation request (ADR) process and will be withdrawn from exemption.

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March 26, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Mar 25, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-03-25-mlnc/2/01010195cf01979e-172d1636-48fa-40ee-844d-47bb3689bac2-000000/lENh8WmhZZJpz7byZhprH-fd6UzgC_5RsAzSh86tnkc=398)

News

* ESRD: Payment for Phosphate Binders Effective January 1, 2025
* Hospitals: Apply for Additional Residency Positions by March 31
* Skilled Nursing Facilities: Revalidation Deadline is May 1
* Promote Kidney Health During National Kidney Month
* Colorectal Cancer: Screening Saves Lives
* Improve Your Search Results for CMS Content

Compliance

* Bacterial Culture Lab Test: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files & Revisions: April Update
* National Correct Coding Initiative: April Update
* Rural Health Clinics: Submitting Quality Reporting Category II HCPCS Codes Effective April 1

Publications & Multimedia

* Complying with Medical Record Documentation Requirements — Revised
* Medicare Coverage of Diabetes Supplies — Revised

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Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) 2025 changes

Effective January 1, 2025, CMS has removed the MDPP bridge payment (HCPCS code G9890) from the 2025 fee schedule and updated the payment rates. Claims will be denied for this code for dates of service on or after January 1, 2025. Additional updates can be found in the [Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Expanded Model MLN Booklet](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mln34893002-medicare-diabetes-prevention-program-expanded-model.pdf).

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March 25, 2025

[Participation as a panelist for June 17 CAC meeting on Trigger Point Injections](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00295186)

On June 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. ET, Novitas Solutions (Jurisdictions H and L) and First Coast Service Options (Jurisdiction N), will host a JH/JL/JN CAC meeting. This meeting will be held via webinar and expected to last no more than two hours.

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13946 - Rural Health Clinic & Federally Qualified Health Center Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13946-rural-health-clinic-federally-qualified-health-center-medicare-benefit-policy-manual-update.pdf)

This article is for rural health clinics, and federally qualified health centers.

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March 21, 2025

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

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March 19, 2025

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13966 - Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule & Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment: April 2025 Quarterly Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13966-quarterly-update-clinical-laboratory-fee-schedule-clfs-and-laboratory-services-subject.pdf)

This article is for laboratories, and other providers billing MACs for laboratory services they provide to Medicare patients.

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[Billing outpatient observation services](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00091093)

Information has been added relating to observation spanning over calendar year end. Take time to review the updated information.

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March 17, 2025

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

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March 14, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Mar 13, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-03-13-mlnc/2/0101019591467ee3-eb3d5e82-c386-48e2-9db9-32c252839344-000000/NQ0QRE3axkK-_aDQrAHfeahIlPkCTWuIL9InRTfMluk=396)

News

* Medicare Shared Savings Program: Application Deadlines for January 1, 2026, Start Date

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* ICD-10 Coordination & Maintenance Committee: Submit Procedure Code Comments by April 18

From Our Federal Partners

* CHAMPVA Claims: Enroll in Direct Deposit to Avoid a Payment Pause

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

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[National A/B MAC ambulance provider/supplier coalition first meeting: Save the date and time](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00301867)

Save the date for the first National Part A/B MAC Ambulance supplier coalition meeting on Thursday May 22 at 2:00 p.m. ET – 4:00 p.m. ET.

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March 13, 2025

[Novitasphere unavailable due to scheduled IDM maintenance](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00098561)

Due to Identity Management (IDM) system maintenance, you may not be able to access Novitasphere beginning at 8 p.m. ET on Saturday, March 15 through 4 a.m. ET on Sunday, March 16. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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March 7, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: March 6, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-03-06-mlnc/2/010101956da5b14e-e4680473-dab6-4a5a-8167-4c6004f672fa-000000/d7n15d0h4GgWsBg4pZm5hvg8wkOMSAtVrOf8kWJ855Q=395)

News

* Therapy Services: Get Updates for CY 2025
* Hospitals: Apply for Additional Residency Positions by March 31

Compliance

* Oral Anticancer & Antiemetic Drugs: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* Updated ICD-10 Medicare Severity Diagnosis-Related Group Version 42.1
* Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System: April 2025 Coding Updates

MLN Matters® Articles

* Roster Billing for Hepatitis B: July 2025 Release

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Scheduled maintenance

Due to scheduled maintenance, the EDI Gateway and Novitasphere Claim Submission/ERA feature will not be available on Saturday, March 8 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET. During this time, you will not be able to send or retrieve electronic files. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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March 4, 2025

[New education program alert!](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00272106)

Attend our Medicare Navigator webinars and earn badges for your participation! This program provides a series of webinars focused on assisting providers navigate to, identify and utilize essential resources to complete and submit a variety of Medicare transactions, such as claims and enrollment applications.

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March 3, 2025

Hospitals: Actions to Make Healthcare Prices Transparent

Update: On February 25, the White House issued an [Executive Order](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.whitehouse.gov%2Fpresidential-actions%2F2025%2F02%2Fmaking-america-healthy-again-by-empowering-patients-with-clear-accurate-and-actionable-healthcare-pricing-information%2F/1/010101954eb42f2b-c9ed92ab-589f-4fc0-8f9f-edda5ec823d8-000000/CXxZoLzfimguvSapaZ96fh1bSWsTNggdvHFfzAQ55Ow=394) to empower patients with clear, accurate, and actionable healthcare pricing information. Read the [fact sheet](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.whitehouse.gov%2Ffact-sheets%2F2025%2F02%2Ffact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-announces-actions-to-make-healthcare-prices-transparent%2F/1/010101954eb42f2b-c9ed92ab-589f-4fc0-8f9f-edda5ec823d8-000000/7AEV6hzDqq1XaBxx9UHSH1d_liO2vLts2X46UoGlQtc=394) for more information, which indicates the Departments of the Treasury, Labor, and Health and Human Services will:

* Ensure hospitals and insurers disclose actual prices, not estimates, and take action to make prices comparable across hospitals and insurers, including prescription drug prices
* Update their enforcement policies to ensure hospitals and insurers are in compliance with requirements to make prices transparent

Existing CMS guidance: [Hospital Price Transparency](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Fpriorities%2Fkey-initiatives%2Fhospital-price-transparency%2Fhospitals/1/010101954eb42f2b-c9ed92ab-589f-4fc0-8f9f-edda5ec823d8-000000/cDZXESWNQe__CovONhkYeCVzx5803O0gjGhLCoFv-E8=394) regulations require each hospital operating in the U.S. to provide 1) a comprehensive machine-readable file with the standard charges for all items and services the hospital provides and 2) a display of shoppable services in a consumer-friendly format.

Additional resources available:

* [Hospital Price Transparency Tools](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fcmsgov.github.io%2Fhpt-tool%2F/1/010101954eb42f2b-c9ed92ab-589f-4fc0-8f9f-edda5ec823d8-000000/-OoVB01PQRqoIwkEQVSRB7w78RNflFoqaAN2hC4Lwrc=394): CMS offers a suite of tools to aid hospitals in implementing hospital price transparency. These tools are designed to help facilitate compliance with regulations and enhance the accessibility of pricing information. The Online Validator ensures machine-readable files meet CMS template layouts and data specifications, enabling hospitals to identify and fix errors before publication. The HPT TXT Generator helps hospitals create the required cms-hpt.txt file, which contains information about the hospital and a direct link to the machine-readable file.
* [Data Dictionary GitHub Repository](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fgithub.com%2FCMSgov%2Fhospital-price-transparency/1/010101954eb42f2b-c9ed92ab-589f-4fc0-8f9f-edda5ec823d8-000000/ZQVAOSBKE0HsUgpJoogOli8Zs2Vm5tfHCNVJJNKo9Lo=394): Here hospitals can access the CMS templates and data dictionary with technical instructions for encoding required standard charge information and get technical support.
* For any questions related to hospital price transparency, email [PriceTransparencyHospitalCharges@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:PriceTransparencyHospitalCharges@cms.hhs.gov).

Compliance: CMS is planning a more systematic monitoring and enforcement approach, per the Executive Order. Consistent with standing CMS policies, non-compliance will be addressed with swift enforcement. See a list of [enforcement actions](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Fpriorities%2Fkey-initiatives%2Fhospital-price-transparency%2Fenforcement-actions/1/010101954eb42f2b-c9ed92ab-589f-4fc0-8f9f-edda5ec823d8-000000/NYrlpt5nZAHZb3uR7Te2itmJEJV2xQNNXjqTqAlveyw=394) to date and see a list, updated quarterly, of [enforcement activities and their outcomes](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fdata.cms.gov%2Fprovider-characteristics%2Fhospitals-and-other-facilities%2Fhospital-price-transparency-enforcement-activities-and-outcomes/1/010101954eb42f2b-c9ed92ab-589f-4fc0-8f9f-edda5ec823d8-000000/BJCiTfFDlWGvJ5DFtDuJZfpoCNMafopWbJDJs9sOMcg=394) undertaken by CMS since the January 1, 2021, effective date.

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

All providers are strongly encouraged to use Novitasphere to obtain patient eligibility information.

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[On-Demand Learning](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/OutreachandEducation_JL/OnDemand)

Looking for education that fits your busy schedule? Visit the [On-Demand Learning](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/OutreachandEducation_JL/OnDemand) center on our website for a full listing of webinar recordings and click-and-play videos.  A few new topics include Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs), Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD).

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February 28, 2025

[New Free, Education Programs offered in 2025](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00272106)

You ask, we deliver! Our StayConnected and Medicare Navigator education programs represent the most relevant, requested topics by our providers. Our [Event Calendar](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008010) displays a current listing of webinars open to registration. This list is constantly changing from month-to-month, so continue to monitor it for updates.

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February 27, 2025

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

Please review the new codes that have been added to this article.

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February 26, 2025

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13937 - Roster Billing for Hepatitis B: July 2025 Release](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13937-roster-billing-hepatitis-b-july-2025-release.pdf)

This article is for physicians, mass immunizers, and other providers billing MACs for hepatitis B vaccine and administration services they provide to Medicare patients.

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February 25, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Feb 24, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-02-24-mlnc/2/0101019539e87d47-1c0f6d9a-bb55-44bd-a712-6392830af878-000000/gNToZdEoa2z3qo9HjCty21hlMaeBxgwa7YqAjSEVtZw=393)

Compliance

* Mechanical Ventilation: Bill Correctly for Inpatient Claims

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* Discarded Drugs & Biologicals: Orphan Drugs with Increased Applicable Percentage for Calendar Quarters in 2023
* Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: Correcting Error to Code C1739

Events

* Medicare Cost Report E-Filing System Webinar — March 19

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February 21, 2025

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

View the most recent updates for our LCDs and articles.

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[Fast facts: Appealing a CERT review decision](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00300995)

This article has resources available for appealing a CERT review decision.

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[New Local Coverage Determination (LCD) L35041: Skin substitute grafts/cellular and tissue-based products for the treatment of diabetic foot ulcers and venous leg ulcers](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008010)

To learn more about coverage guidance, limitations, billing, and coding guidelines, register for our upcoming free event

Wednesday, March 26, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. ET

Register today to save your seat!

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February 18, 2025

[National A/B MAC Ambulance Provider/Supplier Coalition](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00300990)

In response to numerous and continued requests from the ambulance community, the A/B Medicare administrative contractors (MACs) have put together a National A/B MAC Ambulance Provider/Supplier Coalition.

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[Collaborative urological supplies webinar coming March 27!](ddocname:00300991)

This is your opportunity to hear directly from the Medicare contractors regarding Medicare’s criteria necessary for the coverage of urological supplies.

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February 17, 2025

[Maryland waiver](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00004151)

Information has been added relating to billing not otherwise classified (NOC) codes. Take time to review the updated information.

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February 14, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Feb 14, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-02-14-mlnc/2/01010195055403ad-baa39fc2-8fdc-46a5-9455-8e0999e6afa9-000000/UaCsGWzvm_yTItT2UxzSLYjrrE64Sz-7kkeTFG6duM8=392)

News

* Complex Non-Chemotherapeutic Drug Administration: Determining Payment for Services

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* Ambulance Fee Schedule: CY 2025 Inflation Factor
* Integrated Outpatient Code Editor Version 26.0
* New Place of Service Code for Facilities Providing Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly: Not Applicable to Medicare
* Home Health Consolidated Billing: CY 2025 HCPCS Code Update

MLN Matters® Articles

* Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Update – January 2025
* HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Enforcement: April 2025 Quarterly Update
* Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: January 2025 Update  
  Payment for Medicare Part B Preventive Vaccines & Their Administration for Rural Health Clinics &
* Federally Qualified Health Centers
* Travel Allowance Fees for Specimen Collection – 2025 Updates

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

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 13, 2025

[Preventive Services Health Observances](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00300790)

February is American Heart Month. We use this month to raise awareness about heart disease and how people can prevent it. Medicare offers preventive services aimed at preventing cardiovascular disease.

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February 11, 2025

[Provider specialty: Telehealth services](ddocname:00144729)

CMS published a new FAQ document on calendar year 2025 telehealth claims processing. Take time to review the new information.

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February 10, 2025

[Fast facts: Checking the status of your CERT review](ddocname:00300597)

This article has resources available for verifying the status of your CERT review.

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February 7, 2025

[CERT educational resources](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00300595)

Please take a few minutes to review our newly developed resources to assist providers in understanding, navigating, and meeting CERT requirements.

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February 6, 2025

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

Please take a minute to read the resolution to ESRD Treatment Choices (ETC) model claims, claims identified by demo code 94.

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February 4, 2025

[Online registration available for February 18 CAC meeting](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00193316)

Online registration for the Tuesday, February 18 Contractor Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting is now available. Important: Our CAC meeting will be held via webinar only. Please view our CAC meeting web page for specific details and other helpful information.

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February 3, 2025

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

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[1099 forms in Novitasphere](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00300592)

Did you know you can obtain your 1099 forms from Novitasphere? Please read our [new article](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00300592)for additional information.

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[February EDI Newsletter](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName:00300591)

The February 2025 Electronic Billing Newsletter is now available.

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January 28, 2025

[On-Demand Learning](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/OutreachandEducation_JL/OnDemand)

Looking for education that fits your busy schedule? Visit the [On-Demand Learning](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/OutreachandEducation_JL/OnDemand) center on our website for a full listing of webinar recordings and click-and-play videos.  A few new topics include Medicare Updates for Part A, Part B, Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), and Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs).

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[2025 gapfill survey](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00246106)

Novitas seeks your input on establishing pricing under the Medicare program for the 2025 gapfill laboratory test codes. If you have not already done so, please complete our molecular diagnostic pathology survey and associated cost worksheet by February 28. Please complete a separate survey and associated cost worksheet for each test you perform.

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January 17, 2025

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13923 - Payment for Medicare Part B Preventive Vaccines & Their Administration for Rural Health Clinics & Federally Qualified Health Centers](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13923-payment-medicare-part-b-preventive-vaccines-their-administration-rural-health-clinics.pdf)

This article is for rural health clinics, and federally qualified health centers.

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January 16, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Jan 16, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-01-16-mlnc/2/010101946fda0ae5-0664b102-6de3-4be6-aa8e-0d7658586638-000000/yIVWoReG32vSezJT1rFXnik47lQtdxEa-U8HD_98_CA=388)

News

* Resources & Flexibilities to Assist with the Public Health Emergency in California
* CMS Moves Closer to Accountable Care Goals with 2025 Accountable Care Organization Initiatives
* Telehealth Flexibilities Extended until March 31
* CMS Roundup (January 10, 2025)
* Health Professional Shortage Areas: Learn about Physician Bonuses
* Hympavzi Covered Under Part B with a Furnishing Fee
* Change of Ownership: Both Parties Must Submit Enrollment Applications Within 30 Days
* Cervical Health: Encourage Screening

Compliance

* Continuous Positive Airway Pressure Devices & Accessories: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers & Codes

* HCPCS Application Summaries & Coding Decisions
* Therapy Code List: 2025 Annual Update
* Therapy Services: CY 2025 KX Modifier Threshold Amounts

Publications

* Guidelines for Teaching Physicians, Interns & Residents — Revised
* Repetitive, Scheduled Non-Emergent Ambulance Transport Prior Authorization Model — Revised

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13933 - Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: January 2025 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13933-hospital-outpatient-prospective-payment-system-january-2025-update.pdf)

This article is for hospitals, physicians, home health agencies, hospices, and other providers billing MACs for services they provide to Medicare patients.

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January 15, 2025

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13947 - Travel Allowance Fees for Specimen Collection – 2025 Updates](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13947-travel-allowance-fees-specimen-collection-2025-updates.pdf)

This article is for laboratories, laboratory technicians, and other providers billing MACs for specimen collection services they provide to Medicare patients.

* [MM13945 - HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Enforcement: April 2025 Quarterly Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13945-hcpcs-codes-used-skilled-nursing-facility-consolidated-billing-enforcement-april-2025.pdf)

This article is for skilled nursing facilities and other providers billing MACs for services they provide to Medicare patients.

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January 14, 2025

[CPT category III T codes](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00286784)

Review the revised listing of CPT category III T codes that require documentation.

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

Please review the new and revised code list for blood product, miscellaneous codes, ambulatory surgical center devices, radiopharmaceutical, and skin substitute.

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January 13, 2025

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

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January 9, 2025

[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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[NCD 110.24 Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy – Billing instructions](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00251505)

Updated to add billing instructions for cases involving a clinical trial of a different product and to update some HCPCS codes with current CPT codes for CY 2025.

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January 8, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Jan 8, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2025-01-08-mlnc/2/0101019446777709-b79b36c4-4788-405a-9142-43a185cbf2a0-000000/Dh5QpJKzXA5GhQNCgwap5naT3Z0eSfQLPWQKhf17WHo=387)

News

* Medicare Part B Vaccine Administration: CY 2025 Payment Amounts
* Historically Excepted Tribal Federally Qualified Health Centers: CY 2025 Payment Rate
* DMEPOS: Adding New Product Category to CMS-855S Enrollment Form on January 27
* Hospitals: Apply for Additional Residency Positions by March 31
* Opioid Treatment Programs: Get the Latest Updates
* Advanced Primary Care Management Services: Get Information about Billing Medicare
* Medicare Wellness Visits: Get Your Patients Off to a Healthy Start

Compliance

* Opioid Treatment Program: Bill Correctly for Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Services
* Infusion Pumps: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files & Revisions: January Update
* Rural Health Clinics & Federally Qualified Health Centers: You May Need to Resubmit Claims
* Medicare Part A Place of Service: Use the Correct Codes
* PrEP for HIV Billing: CMS Requires Diagnosis Codes

MLN Matters® Articles

* Billing Instructions: Expedited Determinations Based on Medicare Change of Status Notifications
* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: 2025 Annual Update
* Revisions to Medicare Part B Coverage of Pneumococcal Vaccinations Policy
* How to Use the Office & Outpatient Evaluation and Management Visit Complexity Add-on Code G2211 — Revised

Publications

* Ground Ambulance Data Collection System: Cohort Analysis
* Intravenous Immune Globulin Items & Services — Revised
* Medicare Provider Enrollment — Revised

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January 7, 2025

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13918 - Billing Instructions: Expedited Determinations Based on Medicare Change of Status Notifications](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13918-billing-instructions-expedited-determinations-based-medicare-change-status-notifications.pdf)

This article is for physicians, and other providers billing MACs for hospital and skilled nursing facility services they provide to Medicare patients.

Revised:

* [MM13473 - How to Use the Office & 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)

This article is for hospitals, physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for services they provide to Medicare patients.

All medical professionals who can bill office and outpatient (O/O) evaluation and management (E/M) visits (CPT codes 99202-99205, 99211-99215), regardless of specialty, may use the code with O/O E/M visits of any level. We don’t restrict G2211 to medical professionals based on specialties.

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January 3, 2025

CERT Educational Resources

New resources have been developed to assist providers in understanding, navigating and meeting CERT requirements.

Read the [CERT Insider's Guide](ddocname:00299590) to learn more about the CERT program and the improper payment rate calculation.

Read the [Fast Facts: CERT documentation submission](ddocname:00299591) for helpful information about additional documentation requests (ADRs) regarding the CERT program.

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

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January 2, 2025

[New Novitasphere feature: Provider Data Summary](ddocname:00286381)

A new feature has been added to our free online portal, Novitasphere. The Provider Data Summary (PDS) feature is now available for Part A and Part B portal users.

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December 31, 2024

[NCD 110.24: Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy - Billing instructions](ddocname:00251505)

This article provides billing instructions to providers regarding CAR T-cell therapy. This article was updated December 30 to add billing instructions for cases involving a clinical trial of a different product.

December 27, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13898 - Revisions to Medicare Part B Coverage of Pneumococcal Vaccinations Policy](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13898-revisions-medicare-part-b-coverage-pneumococcal-vaccinations-policy.pdf)

Effective October 23, 2024, we updated the Medicare coverage requirements to align with ACIP recommendations.

December 19, 2024

[MLN Connects newsletter: Thursday, December 19, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2024-12-19-mlnc/2/01010193dfb66bd2-c2568487-2e33-469d-85c5-bfb2532ab9bd-000000/86_cMTgxmfNxEinkMl7WiifjXICHLiK74EugZDDZQ-Q=384)

News

* MBI Lookup Tools: CMS Seeks Input by February 17
* CMS Roundup (December 13, 2024)
* Long-Term Care Hospital Provider Preview Reports: Review by January 15
* Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Provider Preview Reports: Review by January 15
* Medicare Advantage Organizations & Prescription Drug Plans: Comment on Draft Medicare Transaction Facilitator Agreements by January 31
* Health Professional Shortage Area: CY 2025 Bonus Payments
* Home Health Quality Reporting Program: Final OASIS-E1 Instruments & Manual
* Quarterly Credit Balance Reports No Longer Required

Compliance

* Immunosuppressive Drugs: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis: Coding Updates
* Coding for Appropriate Use Criteria Program for Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Ends December 31
* Federally Qualified Health Center Prospective Payment System: CY 2025 Pricer
* Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing: CY 2025 HCPCS Codes

MLN Matters® Articles

* CY 2025 Update: DMEPOS Fee Schedule
* National Coverage Determination 210.15: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV Prevention

From Our Federal Partners

* CHAMPVA Policy on Weight Loss Medications Effective January 1

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

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December 18, 2024

[Unsolicited Voluntary Refunds Notification 2024](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00272508)

Medicare providers – please review this notice concerning voluntary refunds for 2024.

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December 17, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13889 - Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: 2025 Annual Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13889-clinical-laboratory-fee-schedule-2025-annual-update.pdf)

This article is for laboratories, and other providers billing MACs for laboratory services they provide to Medicare patients.

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December 16, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13888 - CY 2025 Update: DMEPOS Fee Schedule](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13888-cy-2025-update-dmepos-fee-schedule.pdf)

This article is for suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for DMEPOS services they provide to Medicare patients.

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December 13, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13843 - National Coverage Determination 210.15: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV Prevention](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13843-national-coverage-determination-21015-pre-exposure-prophylaxis-prep-hiv-prevention.pdf)

This article is for physicians, DMEPOS suppliers, Part B suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for HIV preventive services they provide to Medicare patients.

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[Provider Enrollment application fee: CY 2025](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00298995)

Effective January 1, the application fee is $730 for institutional providers. Please read our [new article](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00298995) for additional information.

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December 12, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Dec 12, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2024-12-12-mlnc/2/01010193bb64d778-15b72587-e41a-4b7f-9a84-a9130d51a63a-000000/wYDfyvjLaaRoFWY3RloRFub5IeKCIoyA1jePnWgipdw=383)

News

* FY 2024 Medicare Fee-for-Service Improper Payment Rate
* Revised Home Health Change of Care Notice Form Effective February 1
* Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program: December 2024 Confidential Feedback Reports
* Institutional Provider Enrollment Application Fee: CY 2025

Compliance

* Global Surgery: Bill Correctly

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Rural Health Clinic CY 2025 All-Inclusive Rate

Publications

* Medicare Part B Inflation Rebate Guidance: Use of the 340B Modifier — Revised

From Our Federal Partners

* Get Your CHAMPVA Claims Paid with EFT

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December 6, 2024

Updated coversheets are available for PAR OPD submissions

Effective December 9, we updated both the [standard](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName:00231303) and [expedited](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName:00231302) Prior Authorization Request (PAR) coversheets with new fields which include selection of modifiers RT, LT or 50, site levels, alternative contact information and a comment field for detailed information related to medical review.

Forms can be found on the [Novitas' Prior authorization program for certain hospital outpatient department services webpage](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00227906), along [with helpful instructions for completing the PAR cover sheets](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00234303) for hospital outpatient department (OPD) services. It’s important that all fields on the cover sheet are completed to avoid delays.

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December 5, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Dec 5, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2024-12-05-mlnc/2/0101019397582f97-134f15a6-83aa-47a6-92ed-776853f3ff40-000000/leuMpaHeZH4wT5BX0fqPOpEcC3EOJUWQM_4J7yFGtnY=382)

News

* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: CY 2025 Final Payment Determinations
* CMS Roundup (November 29, 2024)
* Advanced Primary Care Management Services: Get Information about Billing Medicare
* Flu Shots: There’s Still Time to Protect Your Patients

Compliance

* Diabetic Accessories & Supplies: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Claim Status Category & Claim Status Codes Update
* National Correct Coding Initiative: January Update

MLN Matters® Articles

* ESRD & Acute Kidney Injury Dialysis: CY 2025 Updates
* Medicare Change of Status Notice Instructions
* Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule Summary: CY 2025

Publications

* Global Surgery — Revised
* Rural Emergency Hospitals — Revised

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[CPT category III T codes](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00286784)

Review the revised listing of CPT category III T codes that require documentation.

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December 4, 2024

[Novitasphere system status](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00098561)

Novitasphere will be unavailable from Friday, December 6 at 5:30 p.m. through Monday, December 9 at 8:00 a.m. ET.

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December 3, 2024

[Unsolicited/voluntary refunds](ddocname:00298790" \t "_top)

This article provides information regarding unsolicited / voluntary refunds; that is, monies received by Medicare not related to an open account receivable.

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13887 - Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule Summary: CY 2025](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13887-medicare-physician-fee-schedule-final-rule-summary-cy-2025.pdf)

This article is for physicians, hospitals, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for Medicare services paid under the Physician Fee Schedule.

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December 02, 2024

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

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November 27, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Nov 27, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2024-11-27-mlnc/2/010101936e25da6c-367c8590-4dfc-488b-9785-64df9e937d42-000000/Ii2uTgrh7vUiUHWgW2q-vKwHj3yK2Tm0aFJvxdvUnoU=381)

News

* Opioid Treatment Programs: CY 2025 Updates
* HIV Screening & Prevention

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Home Health Prospective Payment System Grouper: January Update
* Clotting Factor: CY 2025 Furnishing Fee

Events

* Hospice Quality Reporting Program Webinar — December 12

MLN Matters® Articles

* Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance, & Premium Rates: CY 2025 Update

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November 25, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13686 - ESRD & Acute Kidney Injury Dialysis: CY 2025 Updates](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13686-esrd-acute-kidney-injury-dialysis-cy-2025-updates.pdf)

This article is for ESRD facilities, physicians, providers, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs.

* [MM13846 - Medicare Change of Status Notice Instructions (Expedited Determinations When a Patient is Reclassified from an Inpatient to an Outpatient Receiving Observation Services)](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13846-medicare-change-status-notice-instructions.pdf)

This article is for hospitals (including critical access hospitals), and other providers billing MACs for inpatient services they provide to Medicare patients.

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

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November 22, 2024

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

During national diabetes month, talk with your patients about their risk factors and recommend services to prevent, detect, and treat diabetes.

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November 21, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Nov 21, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2024-11-21-mlnc/2/010101934f3f4502-9c7860d5-8419-482e-9030-5b41db7f68a5-000000/fJD3CyVRveraQDY4qzOKFfC0JNnS9QCxYdQaBhNvZzw=380)

News

* Medicare-Funded Physician Residency Positions
* CMS Roundup (November 15, 2024)
* Hepatitis B Vaccine: Billing Requirement Update Effective January 1
* Hospitals: Use Renewed Beneficiary Notices Starting January 1
* National Rural Health Day: Address Unique Health Care Needs
* Lung Cancer: Help Your Patients Reduce Their Risk

Compliance

* Mechanical Ventilation: Bill Correctly for Inpatient Claims
* Enteral Nutrition: Prevent Claim Denials

Events

* Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmakers Program — December 4
* Optimizing Healthcare Delivery to Improve Patient Lives Conference — December 12

MLN Matters® Articles

* Home Health Prospective Payment System: CY 2025 Rate Update

Publications

* Medicare Preventive Services — Revised

From Our Federal Partners

* First Case of Clade I Mpox Diagnosed in the U.S.

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

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November 20, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13796 - Medicare Deductible, Coinsurance, & Premium Rates: CY 2025 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13796-medicare-deductible-coinsurance-premium-rates-cy-2025-update.pdf)

This article is for physicians, hospitals, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs.

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

Novitasphere is our free online portal full of many [great features](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName:00177702) including claim submission, claim status, and patient eligibility. A redesigned portal is being released on December 9. The redesign includes all the same features with a new look and several enhancements. Several short videos have been created to provide you with a quick glance of the portal. You are invited to visit the Novitasphere Redesign page ([JH](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJH/pagebyid?contentId=00273920)) ([JL](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00273920)) to watch the videos and read more about the redesign. If you do not currently have access, we encourage you to enroll today. Refer to the [Novitasphere Enrollment eGuide](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName:00236502) for complete enrollment instructions.

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[Virtual multi-jurisdictional town hall on December 10](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00298192)

Novitas, along with other collaborating Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), will hold a multi-jurisdictional town hall meeting hosted by CGS on December 10, at 3:00 p.m. ET for those that wish to speak about the final Skin Substitute Grafts/Cellular and Tissue-Based Products for the Treatment of Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Venous Leg Ulcers LCD in an open forum.

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November 18, 2024

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

A correction has been installed for bill type 72x end stage renal dialysis (ESRD) claims. Any ESRD claims incorrectly returned for reason code 31773 should be resubmitted.

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November 15, 2024

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

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[Provider Enrollment application status tools available](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00297184)

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November 14, 2024

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News

* 2025 Medicare Parts A & B Premiums and Deductibles
* Medicare Participation for CY 2025
* Ambulance Fee Schedule: CY 2025 Final Policies
* Prior Authorization Review Timeframe Change
* Skilled Nursing Facilities: Revalidation Due Date Extension
* Home Health & Hospice Resources
* Help Your American Indian & Alaska Native Patients Achieve Optimal Health

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* PrEP for HIV Pharmacy Claims: New HCPCS Code & FAQ Update

MLN Matters® Articles

* ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: April 2025 Update
* New Waived Tests

Publications

* Checking Medicare Claim Status — Revised
* Checking Medicare Eligibility — Revised

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

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[Novitasphere system status](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00098561)

Due to system maintenance, Novitasphere will be unavailable Saturday, November 16 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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November 12, 2024

[Cervical fusion with disc removal best practices](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00256104)

The cervical fusion article written in collaboration with the AB MAC Prior Authorization Workgroup has been revised to include guidance from the LCD.

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November 11, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

Revised:

* [MM13604 - National Coverage Determination 110.23: Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13604-national-coverage-determination-11023-allogeneic-hematopoietic-stem-cell-transplantation.pdf)

This article is for laboratory, physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs.

New:

* [MM3818 - ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: April 2025 Update (CR 1 of 2)](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13818-icd-10-other-coding-revisions-national-coverage-determinations-april-2025-update-cr-1-2.pdf)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs.

* [MM13828 - ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: April 2025 Update (CR 2 of 2)](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13828-icd-10-other-coding-revisions-national-coverage-determinations-april-2025-update-cr-2-2.pdf)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs.

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November 8, 2024

[Provider Enrollment application status tools available](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00297184)

To check the status of an enrollment application, you can use the Provider Enrollment Status Inquiry Tool. Instead of calling the Provider Enrollment Help Line, use our helpful status tool resources, such as the [Provider Enrollment Status Inquiry Tool](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00004864), for assistance.

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November 7, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Nov 7, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2024-11-07-mlnc/2/01010193072693cf-796a8ed2-75ea-44ab-99e3-1f39b7407778-000000/cNC5uH13IMYI9uB9Dt-TXbMLQRr6FtnWAkfC7Rz03EM=378)

Final Rules

* Physician Fee Schedule CY 2025 Final Rule
* Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System & Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System CY 2025 Final Rule
* ESRD Prospective Payment System CY 2025 Final Rule
* Home Health Prospective Payment System CY 2025 Final Rule

News

* CMS Roundup (November 1, 2024)
* Respiratory Viruses: Get Up to Date on Flu, COVID-19, & RSV Vaccines
* Diabetes: Recommend Preventive Services

Compliance

* Medical Services Authorized by the Veterans Health Administration: Avoid Duplicate Payments

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Expanded Diabetes Screening: Claims for HCPCS Code 82947 Returned in Error
* Home Intravenous Immune Globulin Items & Services: CY 2025 Rate Update
* Discarded Drugs & Biologicals: Updated HCPCS Codes

Events

* Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Opportunities for the Health Sector Webinar — November 20

Publications

* Medicare Provider Compliance Tips — Revised

Information for Patients

* Medicare Prescription Payment Plan

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November 1, 2024

[November EDI Newsletter](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName:00297589)

View the most recent release of our Electronic Billing newsletter. This newsletter is published quarterly and includes important EDI-related articles.

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[Provider Enrollment application status tools available](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00297184)

You can check the status of your [PECOS](https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/login.do#headingLv1) application online. Instead of calling the Provider Enrollment Help Line, use our helpful status tool resources, such as PECOS, for assistance.

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October 31, 2024

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News

* Medicare Shared Savings Program Continues to Deliver Meaningful Savings and High-Quality Health Care

Compliance

* Major Hip & Knee Replacement or Reattachment of Lower Extremity: Prevent Claim Denials
* Comprehensive Error Rate Testing Medical Record Requests: Respond Timely

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* PrEP for HIV Billing: CMS Requires Diagnosis Codes

Publications

* Prohibition on Billing Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries — Revised
* Provider Information on Medicare Diabetes Self-Management Training — Revised

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October 29, 2024

[Changes to amount in controversy (AIC) for appeals in 2025](ddocname:00297585)

CMS has announced the dollar amount that must remain in controversy to sustain appeal rights beginning January 1, 2025. Please review the article for details.

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Updated [Novitasphere](ddocname:00295585) and EDI forms

The Novitasphere Submitter ID Update Request,  Novitasphere Migration List, EDI Enrollment Affiliated Provider List, and the EDI Submitter Update Request forms were updated to the R2-24 version on September 5. Always complete the forms directly on our website to ensure you are using the most recent forms. Any older versions of these updated forms received November 5 and after will be rejected.

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[Disruptions in availability of peritoneal dialysis & intravenous solutions from Baxter International facility in North Carolina](ddocname:00297584)

The CDC issued this [Health Alert Network Health Advisory](https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2024/han00518.asp?ACSTrackingID=USCDC_511-DM137935&ACSTrackingLabel=HAN%20518%20-%20General%20Public&deliveryName=USCDC_511-DM137935) to inform of a supply disruption of peritoneal dialysis and intravenous solutions due to Hurricane Helene.

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October 25, 2024

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

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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[Opioid use disorder (OUD) screening & treatment](ddocname:00282708)

Medicare covers screenings and treatment for patients with OUD. Services include [OUD screenings](https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/fee-schedules/physician-fee-schedule/opioid-use-disorder-screening-treatment), [office-based treatments](https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/opioid-treatment-programs-otp/billing-payment/office-based-substance-use-disorder-sud-treatment-billing), [screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT)](https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/SBIRT_Factsheet_ICN904084.pdf) and the [opioid treatment program](https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/opioid-treatment-program/billing-payment). We encourage all providers explore these services to help improve your patient’s behavioral health.

[Register](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00081806) for our November 5, 2024, Webinar on OUD Screening and Treatment.

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[CPT category III T codes](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00286784)

Review the revised listing of CPT category III T codes that require documentation.

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[On-Demand Learning](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/OutreachandEducation_JL/OnDemand)

Looking for education that fits your busy schedule? Visit the [On-Demand Learning](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/OutreachandEducation_JL/OnDemand) center on our website for a full listing of webinar recordings and click-and-play videos.  A few new topics include Medicare updates, local coverage determination (LCD) updates and revisions, and Medicare program fundamentals.

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[HCPCS codes no longer requiring invoice – Avoid rejected claims](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJH/pagebyid?contentId=00274129)

Please review the revised listing for drugs codes.

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October 24, 2024

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News

* CMS Roundup (October 18, 2024)
* Rural Health Clinic & Federally Qualified Health Center: Final CY 2024 Payment Policies

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Home Health Consolidated Billing: New Physician Specialty Code F6 Excluded

MLN Matters® Articles

* Allowing Home Health Telehealth Services During an Inpatient Stay
* Correction for Inpatient Medicare Part B Ancillary 12X Claims & Manual Updates
* Separate Payment for Essential Medicines – New Biweekly Interim Payments for the Inpatient Prospective Payment System
* Inpatient & Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System: FY 2025 Changes — Revised

From Our Federal Partners

* Biosimilars: Updated Curriculum Toolkit
* Disruptions in Availability of Peritoneal Dialysis & Intravenous Solutions from Baxter International Facility in North Carolina

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[CMS Covers PrEP to Prevent HIV](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00297382)

Starting September 30, Medicare will cover pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) using antiretroviral drugs to prevent Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection in individuals at increased risk of getting HIV, without cost-sharing. See this article for details.

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October 23, 2024

End stage renal [dialysis](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00003625) (ESRD) claims

Reason code 31773 is incorrectly returning ESRD claims. Please refer to [Open claim issues for Medicare Part A](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00003625) for additional information.

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October 17, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Oct 17, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2024-10-17-mlnc/2/010101929ac961ad-efd198eb-cd53-4251-8e1f-7a0b434b35f6-000000/7DAbV2Er56L-aE8HPtIzMhANLxGlzx82uBYUvm8hFVM=375)

News

* Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities: Guidance on All-Inclusive Cost Reporting
* No-Pay Medicare Summary Notice Mailing Frequency Changed to Every 120 Days
* Health Literacy: Help Your Patients Get Information & Services

Compliance

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* National Uniform Billing Committee: New Codes Effective July 1
* PrEP for HIV Billing: CMS Requires Diagnosis Codes

Events

* HCPCS Public Meeting — November 6–8

MLN Matters® Articles

* Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Update – October 2024 — Revised

Publications

* Medicare Preventive Services – Revised

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October 14, 2024

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October 10, 2024

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News

* Resources & Flexibilities to Assist with the Public Health Emergency in Florida
* CMS Roundup (October 4, 2024)
* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: Reporting Delayed Until 2026
* Respiratory Viruses: Vaccinate against Flu, COVID-19, & RSV

Compliance

* Allergy & Immunology Services: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Outpatient Skin Substitute Claims: New Codes & Updates Effective October 1
* HCPCS Application Summaries & Coding Decisions: Drugs & Biologicals

Multimedia

* Hospice Quality Reporting Program: HOPE Tool Web-Based Training

From Our Federal Partners

* First Marburg Virus Disease Outbreak in the Republic of Rwanda
* Enroll in EFT to Get Paid for CHAMPVA Claims

Information for Patients

* 2025 Medicare & You Handbook

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[Online registration available for October 25 open meeting and proposed LCD now posted](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00007707)

Online registration for the Friday, October 25 open meeting is now available, and presenter registration will close at noon ET on Wednesday, October 23.

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.

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

Revised:

* [MM13486 - Annual Wellness Visit: Social Determinants of Health Risk Assessment](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=60103435&msgid=768955&act=8B55&c=1784673&pid=4374197&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ffiles%2Fdocument%2Fmm13486-annual-wellness-visit-social-determinants-health-risk-assessment.pdf&cf=94900&v=59e7e6e9b01fbbba10b29fb1e93487954eeb911d755393a4bae3c7e7052ca48e)

This article is for hospitals, physicians, and other providers billing MACs.

* [MM13604 - National Coverage Determination 110.23: Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=60103435&msgid=769017&act=8B55&c=1784673&pid=4374255&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ffiles%2Fdocument%2Fmm13604-national-coverage-determination-11023-allogeneic-hematopoietic-stem-cell-transplantation.pdf&cf=94900&v=80a50a7758d4cd88c6fe55cf96e9978d547d612ae2ab8bd34d7b318adce517eb)

This article is for laboratory, physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs.

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[Reminder: Complete Blood and Blood-Related Products survey by November 3](ddocname:00296381)

Novitas is conducting a crucial survey to gather comprehensive data on the cost associated with blood and blood-related products and ensure accurate pricing for blood-products provided to End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) facilities. All submitted data will be considered proprietary and kept confidential.

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October 4, 2024

[Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) using antiretroviral therapy to prevent HIV infection](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00296786)

CMS has issued a final National Coverage Determination (NCD) for FDA-approved Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) using antiretroviral drugs to prevent HIV infection. The payment allowances below are for dates of service from September 30, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

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[Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) Revalidation](ddocname:00296788)

The Form CMS-855A has been revised to collect the SNF data addressed in this guidance. It will become effective on October 1, 2024.

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[Hurricane Helene](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00296784)

CMS announces resources and flexibilities available in response to Hurricane Helene for the states of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and South Carolina.

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[Separate IPPS Payment for Establishing and Maintaining Access to Essential Medicines](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00296785)

In the fiscal year (FY) 2025 Medicare Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) Prospective Payment System (PPS) final rule, CMS finalized a policy to provide separate IPPS payment to certain hospitals that voluntarily establish and maintain a 6-month buffer stock of one or more of 86 essential medicines, effective for cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 2024 (89 FR 68989).

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October 3, 2024

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News

* HHS Releases Final Guidance for Second Cycle of Historic Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program
* Resources & Flexibilities to Assist with the Public Health Emergency in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, & South Carolina
* CMS to Provide Hurricane Helene Public Health Emergency Accelerated Payments to Medicare Fee-for-Service Providers and Suppliers
* Changes to the Fiscal Year 2025 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Rates Due to Court Decision (CMS-1808-IFC)
* CMS Covers PrEP to Prevent HIV
* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule: Submit Comments & Reconsideration Requests by October 25
* DMEPOS: Adding New Product Categories to CMS-855S Enrollment Form on October 26
* Improve Your Search Results for CMS Content
* Help Detect Breast Cancer Early

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files & Revisions: October Update
* PrEP for HIV Billing: CMS Requires Diagnosis Codes
* RARCs, CARCs, Medicare Remit Easy Print, & PC Print: October Update

Events

* Hospital Price Transparency: Encoding January 2025 Requirements in the Machine-Readable File Webinar — October 21

Publications

* Substance Use Screenings & Treatment

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October 2, 2024

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

Please review the revised listing for drugs codes, skin substitute codes, radio-pharmaceutical and ambulatory surgery center (ASC) device codes

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October 1, 2024

Provider Enrollment Status

Checking the status of an application? Please use the [Provider Enrollment Status Inquiry Tool](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00004864), [Provider Enrollment Gateway](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/Enrollment_JL/EnrollmentGateway) or [PECOS](https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/login.do#headingLv1). Please do not use the Provider Enrollment Help Line.

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[CPT category III T codes](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00286784)

Review the revised listing of CPT category III T codes that require documentation.

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[Medical records for laboratory and pathology codes](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00294519)

Avoid negative impacts to your claims by providing medical records for laboratory and pathology code claim submissions. Please take a moment to read this article for more information.

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[Mailing addresses for Enrollment forms](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00004811)

Effective October 3, 2024, the CMS-588 EFT forms will no longer be accepted via upload on the Provider Enrollment Gateway tool. The CMS-588 EFT forms must be mailed to the appropriate enrollment mailing address.

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September 26, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Sept 26, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2024-09-26-mlnc/2/010101922ea44281-60403c23-cdf1-4875-bed3-bdb71bd73114-000000/KgSeTFI93Vaiyey5MPX8VId1qCDgRDPtftKGww6vtP8=372)

News

* CMS Roundup (September 20, 2024)
* Cardiovascular Disease: Talk with Your Patients about Screening
* Claims, Pricers, & Codes
* Cardiology CPT Code 75580: Issue with Claims Returned to Provider

Events

* Optimizing Healthcare Delivery to Improve Patient Lives Conference — December 12

MLN Matters® Articles

* DMEPOS Fee Schedule: October 2024 Quarterly Update
* Hospice Claims Edits for Certifying Physicians — Revised
* Inpatient & Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System: FY 2025 Changes — Revised

Publications

* Expanded Prepayment Review of Existing Hospices in Arizona, California, Nevada, & Texas

Multimedia

* Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System: Reporting Labor Information Video

From Our Federal Partners

* Prevention Strategies for U.S. Travelers Visiting Countries with Clade I Mpox Outbreaks
* Health Care Preparedness Resources

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[Hurricane Francine](ddocname:00296584)

CMS announces additional resources and flexibilities available in response to Hurricane Francine for the state of Louisiana.

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

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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[2024 Vaccines](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/FeeSchedules_JL)

Reimbursement for influenza, pneumococcal, and hepatitis B vaccine fees and administration fees.

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Rejected claims billed with HCPCS 75580

Claims billed with HCPCS 75580 received reason code 32402 when billed with the cardiology revenue code (048X). The files have been updated and providers should adjust these claims.

Please refer to [Open claim issues for Medicare Part A for additional information.](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00003625)

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September 25, 2024

SNF enrollment updates

[Skilled nursing facilities (SNFs): Provider Enrollment Guidelines](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00296581) is a new document and has been added to the Enrollment guide: Chapter 7.17, Skilled nursing facilities (SNFs).

Also, Completing the Medicare Enrollment Application - Institutional Providers (CMS-855A) application tutorial has been updated to include the new CMS -855A attachment 1: Skilled nursing facility disclosures.

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September 24, 2024

[Open claim issue U538H](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00003625)

CWF files have been corrected on September 23, 2024. All held claims have been released for processing. Claims will process based on the corrected CWF files meaning some claims may still reject because of valid incarceration information.

Prior to the hold of claims, any claim rejected since July 14, 2024, with will be automatically adjusted. This will include claims that may have been rejected correctly. Valid incarceration claims will re-reject as originally processed.

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September 23, 2024

Limited System Availability

There will be Common Working File (CWF) "dark days" October 4, 2024, through Sunday, October 6, 2024, due to the October 2024 release installation. The interactive voice response (IVR) unit will have limited availability.

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

Please review the annual wellness visit (AWV) telehealth options: Ways to improve your Medicare patient’s access to AWV and talk to your patients about prostate cancer screening, and revisions to pneumococcal vaccines.

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September 19, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Sept 19, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2024-09-19-mlnc/2/010101920a97f704-493ec268-ecb9-48dd-9178-4261840ff9bd-000000/i6x3ezFi61_evd6uD4nvxT6tmCA1zWIE7BsxT4lMbJU=371)

News

* Resources & Flexibilities to Assist with the Public Health Emergency in Louisiana
* Skilled Nursing Facilities: Report Your Expanded Ownership, Management, & Related Party Data
* Hospice Outcomes and Patient Evaluation Assessment Tool: Version 1.00 Resources
* Hospital Price Transparency: Get Tools to Comply
* Risk Less. Do More. Get This Season’s Vaccines
* Help Reduce Health Disparities for Hispanic or Latino Patients

Compliance

* Tracheostomy Supplies: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* ACO REACH Model: Adjusting Claims
* Influenza Vaccine: Holding Claims for CPT Code 90658
* ICD-10 Medicare Severity Diagnosis-Related Group Version 42

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[Blood and Blood-Related Products survey](ddocname:00296381)

Novitas is conducting a crucial survey to gather comprehensive data on the cost associated with blood and blood-related products and ensure accurate pricing for blood-products provided to End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) facilities. All submitted data will be considered proprietary and kept confidential.

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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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September 16, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13774 - DMEPOS Fee Schedule: October 2024 Quarterly Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13774-dmepos-fee-schedule-october-2024-quarterly-update.pdf)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for DMEPOS items and services provided to Medicare patients.

Revised:

* [MM13766 - Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System: FY 2025 Updates](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13766-inpatient-psychiatric-facilities-prospective-payment-system-fy-2025-updates.pdf)

This article is for IPFs, and other providers billing MACs for inpatient psychiatric services provided to Medicare patients.

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

If you billed any claims with HCPCS 75580 and it rejected with reason code 32402 you can adjust those claims.

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September 12, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Sept 12, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2024-09-12-mlnc/2/01010191e68bddce-50a3580c-6352-4e76-917c-8be584462a0e-000000/zKpnY61I-IFrOis1bgMuJPi9JXX38IPrfdUNX7SVpNI=370)

News

* COVID-19: Updated Vaccines for 2024–2025 Season
* Rural Emergency Hospital Provisions, Conversion Process, & Conditions of Participation: Revised Guidance
* CMS Roundup (September 6, 2024)
* Organizational Providers: Do You Need to Revalidate Your Enrollment Record Soon?
* Prostate Cancer: Talk to Your Patients about Screening
* Advance Health Equity During National Sickle Cell Awareness Month

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* National Correct Coding Initiative: October Update
* Integrated Outpatient Code Editor Version 25.3

MLN Matters® Articles

* Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Update – October 2024
* Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination Edit Software: January 2025 Update
* Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: October 2024 Update

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Last chance to register for the [Medicare Compliance Matters Virtual Symposium](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008078)

Dates: September 17 – 19

Our conference offers 44 free, webinars focused on identifying program integrity initiatives, reviewing improper payment findings, and recommending best practices to mitigate billing and documentation errors for all types of Part A and B providers and services.

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September 5, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Sept 5, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2024-09-05-mlnc/2/01010191c27f0cfd-d3027d2a-178a-480b-8078-b97b876dff68-000000/mSWELZrE3kmAOG5ymknbyzNaYF9IUEj_cXjb5vunCLc=369)

News

* Osteogenesis Stimulators: Prior Authorization Requirements Suspended
* Hospice Benefit: Expanding Prepayment Review in 4 States
* Skilled Nursing Facility Advance Beneficiary Notice: Revised Form & Instructions
* Hospital Price Transparency: Use a CMS Template Layout
* Healthy Aging: Recommend Medicare-Covered Services
* National Recovery Month: Take the First Step

Compliance

* Global Surgery: Bill Correctly

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Alzheimer’s Monoclonal Antibody Treatment: New Code for Kisunla Drug
* Claim Status Category & Claim Status Codes
* DMEPOS: Provider Level Adjustment Codes on Remittance Advice

MLN Matters® Articles

* Inpatient & Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System: FY 2025 Changes
* New Waived Tests

Publications

* Items & Services Not Covered Under Medicare — Revised

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13785 - Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination Edit Software: January 2025 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13785-changes-laboratory-national-coverage-determination-edit-software-january-2025-update.pdf)

This article is for laboratory physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for laboratory services they provide to Medicare patients.

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[Updated Novitasphere and EDI forms](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00295585)

The Novitasphere Submitter ID Update Request, Novitasphere Migration List, EDI Enrollment Affiliated Provider List, and the EDI Submitter Update Request forms were updated to the R2-24 version on September 5. Always complete the forms directly on our website to ensure you are using the most recent forms. Any older versions of these updated forms received November 5 and after will be rejected.

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September 4, 2024

[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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August 29, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Aug 29, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2024-08-29-mlnc/2/010101919e727740-e67482d2-a014-4c34-a0b3-28051eb42579-000000/pBruBEISfErwbOgEwpLzaPCrW5gqBr2u4TSYBw6sYzk=368)

News

* CMS Roundup (August 23, 2024)
* Physicians, Teaching Hospitals, & Non-Physician Practitioners: Review Your Open Payment Data by December 31

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Home Health Consolidated Billing: CY 2025 HCPCS Code Update
* HCPCS Application Summaries & Coding Decisions: Non-Drug & Non-Biological Items and Services

Events

* ICD-10 Coordination & Maintenance Committee Meeting — September 10–11

MLN Matters® Articles

* Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System: FY 2025 Updates
* Revisions to Medicare Part B Coverage of Pneumococcal Vaccinations Policy
* Annual Wellness Visit: Social Determinants of Health Risk Assessment — Revised
* National Coverage Determination 110.23: Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation — Revised

Publications

* Medicare & Mental Health Coverage — Revised

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13734 - Inpatient & Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System: FY 2025 Changes](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13734-inpatient-long-term-care-hospital-prospective-payment-system-fy-2025-changes.pdf)

This article is for hospitals and LTCHs.

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[Novitas Solution’s Virtual Symposium: Medicare Compliance Matters](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008078)

Dates: September 17 – 19

Learn more about how to become an active partner in protecting the Medicare program. Review our listing of 44 available webinars and register today.

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[Online registration available for September 13 open meeting and proposed LCD now posted](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00007707)

Online registration for the Friday, September 13 open meeting is now available, and presenter registration will close at noon ET on Wednesday, September 11.

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.

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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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August 28, 2024

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

View the ways to improve your Medicare patient’s access to annual wellness visits (AWV) via telehealth.

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[Home health care: Proper certification required](https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnproducts/fast-facts/home-health-care)

How to certify patients for the Medicare home health benefit. Is a face-to-face encounter required? View the Provider compliance fast facts for more information.

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[Creating an effective hospice plan of care](https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-educationmedicare-learning-network-mlnmlnproductsfast-facts/creating-effective-hospice-plan-care)

Does your plan of care have deficiencies such as poor care planning, mismanagement of aide services or inadequate assessments of patient’s? View Creating an effective hospice plan of care for more information.

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[Implanted spinal neurostimulators: Document medical records](https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-educationmedicare-learning-network-mlnmlnproductsfast-facts/implanted-spinal-neurostimulators-document-medical-records)

Does your medical documentation support the medical necessity for implanted spinal neurostimulators? Is a prior authorization needed?

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August 27, 2024

[Updated EDI and Novitasphere enrollment forms](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00295585)

It is important that you use the most recent version of any EDI form when enrolling for Novitasphere, EDI services, or making any changes to your existing electronic billing setup. All EDI and Novitasphere enrollment forms received must be version R2-23. Any older versions will be rejected.

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August 26, 2024

National immunization awareness month

August is national immunization awareness month. Take this time to help increase your patients’ vaccination rates by recommending vaccines and how to access them, as fewer than 25% of adults get all their recommended vaccines.

Take time to review the [CMS Immunization and Vaccine Resources](https://www.cms.gov/priorities/health-equity/minority-health/resource-center/immunization-vaccine-resources) page for additional information.

August 23, 2024

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

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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[Contacting the EDI and Novitasphere customer help desks](ddocname:00295781)

Different help desks are available for the different types of electronic billing questions. Carefully consider the type of assistance needed before dialing. Calls received to the incorrect help desk will be asked to call back using the correct telephone number. Read the list of topics handled in this article to help you decide what number to call.

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Opioid treatment programs (OTPs)

OTPs provide medications for people diagnosed with an opioid use disorder (OUD). Medicare pays for OTP services for OUD treatment when eligible. Take time to review the [CMS OTP](https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/fee-schedules/physician-fee-schedule/opioid-use-disorder-screening-treatment) page for additional information.

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13766 - Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System: FY 2025 Updates](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13766-inpatient-psychiatric-facilities-prospective-payment-system-fy-2025-updates.pdf)

This article is for IPFs, and other providers billing MACs for inpatient psychiatric services provided to Medicare patients.

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August 22, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Aug 22, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2024-08-22-mlnc/2/010101917a6613ee-9ca20f6e-30ed-45ff-9332-d40bbfec9408-000000/R9qlxlqUPJKGlc-WhHntvJ1HRxakgC9T6CHO33n-Vas=367)

News

* Commemorating the 2nd Anniversary of the Lower Cost Prescription Drug Law
* MolDx Local Coverage Determination Statement
* Hospital Price Transparency: Get Resources to Help You Comply
* New Residency Programs Request for Information: Submit Comments by October 15
* Open Payments: Program Year 2023 Data

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Seasonal Flu Vaccine Pricing for 2024–2025 Season
* Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System: FY 2025 Pricer Update
* Home Health Prospective Payment System Grouper: October Update

Publications

* A Prescriber’s Guide to Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) Opioid Policies — Revised
* Chronic Care Management Services — Revised

From Our Federal Partners

* Increased Oropouche Virus Activity & Associated Risk to Travelers

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13750 - Revisions to Medicare Part B Coverage of Pneumococcal Vaccinations Policy](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13750-revisions-medicare-part-b-coverage-pneumococcal-vaccinations-policy.pdf)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for pneumococcal vaccine services they provide to Medicare patients.

Revised:

* [MM13604 - National Coverage Determination 110.23: Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13604-national-coverage-determination-11023-allogeneic-hematopoietic-stem-cell-transplantation.pdf)

This article is for laboratory, physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs.

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August 20, 2024

[On-Demand Learning](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/OutreachandEducation_JL/OnDemand)

Looking for education that fits your busy schedule? Visit the [On-Demand Learning](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/OutreachandEducation_JL/OnDemand) center on our website for a full listing of webinar recordings and click-and-play videos.  A few new topics include New Local Coverage Determination: Cervical Fusion, Evaluation and Management Services: Guidelines for Office and "Other" Outpatient Visits, and How to Utilize National Coverage Determinations (NCDs).

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

Revised:

* [MM13486 - Annual Wellness Visit: Social Determinants of Health Risk Assessment](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13486-annual-wellness-visit-social-determinants-health-risk-assessment.pdf)

This article is for hospitals, physicians, and other providers billing MACs.

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[Novitas Solutions’ Medicare Compliance Matters Virtual symposium](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008078)

Dates: September 17 – 19

Registration is now open for our 44 engaging webinars focused on coverage, billing, and purposeful documentation requirements.

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August 19, 2024

[Updated EDI and Novitasphere enrollment forms](ddocname:00295585)

EDI and Novitasphere enrollment forms were updated to the R2-23 version on June 25. Always complete the forms directly on our website to ensure you are using the most current form versions. All forms received August 25 and after must be the most current R2-23 version. Any EDI or Novitasphere enrollment forms received with older version numbers will be rejected.

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August 16, 2024

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

Incorrect incarceration information has been posted to the Common Working File (CWF). This is causing previously paid claims to receive Informational Unsolicited Response (IUR) adjustments or new claims to be automatically rejected with reason code U538H.

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[Medical Records for Laboratory and Pathology Codes](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00294519)

Avoid negative impacts to your claims by providing the medical records for the laboratory and pathology code claim submissions indicated in this article. Novitas requests specific documentation with submission of these specific pathology and lab codes effective September 19th.

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August 15, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Aug 15, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2024-08-15-mlnc/2/0101019156753ea9-e502c1c8-8675-41cc-859c-6411bf5abdfc-000000/CD9i15rUEAm1R54zwFfw0f4wqFH4ZwQjgX0w91NjiUc=366)

News

* Negotiating for Lower Drug Prices Works, Saves Billions
* Resources & Flexibilities to Assist with the Public Health Emergency in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina
* Hospitals: New EMTALA Poster for Use in Emergency Departments
* PrEP for HIV Transition of Coverage: Get Ready Now
* CMS Roundup (August 9, 2024)
* ESRD: Oral-Only Renal Dialysis Service Drugs & Biological Products — Revised Guidance

Compliance

* Patient Lifts: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Telehealth Services: Billing & Payment for Place of Service Code 10
* Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database: October Update

MLN Matters® Articles

* Hospice Payments: FY 2025 Update
* ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: January 2025 Update
* Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: July 2024 Update — Revised

Publications

* Skilled Nursing Facility Place of Service Codes: Updated Resources

From Our Federal Partners

* Increase in Human Parvovirus B19 Activity in the U.S.

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August 12, 2024

[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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August 9, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13707– Hospice Payments: FY 2025 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13707-hospice-payments-fy-2025-update.pdf)

This article is for hospices and other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for hospice services they provide to Medicare patients.

Revised:

* [MM13632 - Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: July 2024 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13632-hospital-outpatient-prospective-payment-system-july-2024-update.pdf)

This article is for physicians, hospitals, suppliers, and providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services they provide to Medicare patients.

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[Prior authorization (PA): Facet joints and cervical fusion](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00227906)

View the most recent updates to our prior authorization [general documentation requirements](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00229506), [facet joint interventions](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00274904) and [cervical fusion with disc removal](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00256104) articles. For facet joint interventions, CMS is removing CPT codes 64492 and 64495 from the list of codes requiring prior authorization by August 16, 2024. The associated [LCD](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=34892&ver=123&keyword=facet+joint&keywordType=starts&areaId=all&docType=NCA%2CCAL%2CNCD%2CMEDCAC%2CTA%2CMCD%2C6%2C3%2C5%2C1%2CF%2CP&contractOption=all&sortBy=relevance&bc=1) and [LCA](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=56670&ver=50&keyword=facet+joint&keywordType=any&areaId=all&docType=NCA%2CCAL%2CNCD%2CMEDCAC%2CTA%2CMCD%2C6%2C3%2C5%2C1%2CF%2CP&contractOption=name&contractorName=6&sortBy=relevance&bc=1) have been updated to reflect this and other updates effective August 11, 2024. For cervical fusion, a new [LCD](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=39793&ver=43&) and [LCA](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleid=59668&ver=12&) will be effective August 11, 2024, and updates have been made to the documentation requirements for services requiring prior authorization.

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August 8, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Aug 8, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ftraining-education%2Fmedicare-learning-network%2Fnewsletter%2F2024-08-08-mlnc/2/01010191327f86dc-72e7b987-4029-46f2-bad8-228aa085cc28-000000/R8o0_EXYMkjtxowUoHrSPXB87W-HbIPs0lqkg3VV5o0=365)

Final Payment Rule

* Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System & Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System FY 2025 Final Rule

News

* Transitional Coverage for Emerging Technologies — Final Notice
* Help Improve the Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Reports & Comparative Billing Reports — Updated Request for Information
* Immunization: Protect Your Patients

Compliance

* Medical Services Authorized by the Veterans Health Administration: Avoid Duplicate Payments

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments: Reprocessing Denied Claims
* Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System: FY 2025 Pricer Update

Multimedia

* Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests: Medicare Advisory Panel Meeting Materials

From Our Federal Partners

* Mpox Caused by Human-to-Human Transmission of Monkeypox Virus in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with Spread to Neighboring Countries
* Ready to Get Paid via EFT for CHAMPVA Claims?

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[Stay of Enrollment](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00289583)

Providers have reported that stay of enrollment letters have been found in their spam folder when sent via email. Please ensure your spam folder is monitored for any provider enrollment correspondence.

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August 7, 2024

[Get involved! Participate as a panelist for October 10 CAC meeting on Non-invasive arterial studies](ddocname:00295186)

On October 10, at 6:00 p.m. ET, Novitas Solutions (Jurisdictions H and L) and First Coast Service Options (Jurisdiction N), will host a JH/JL/JN CAC meeting to discuss the quality and strength of the available literature and any compelling clinical data for the topic of Non-invasive arterial studies. Please read this article for more information.

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August 6, 2024

[Obtain patient eligibility using Novitasphere](ddocname:00286381)

Once enrolled for Novitasphere, you can obtain patient eligibility information with three quick steps.

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August 5, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13706 - ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: January 2025 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13706-icd-10-other-coding-revisions-national-coverage-determinations-january-2025-update.pdf)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for laboratory services they provide to Medicare patients.

August 2, 2024

[Open claim issues - Part B](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00134802)

Two issues have been added relating to ASC facility services and lab service CLIA claims denied in error.

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[Medicare Compliance Matters virtual symposium September 17 – 19](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00080149)

Save the date and be the first to hear about Novitas and CMS initiatives, Medicare compliance program and improper payments updates, and how you can become a valued partner in ensuring Medicare program integrity. We will offer 45 engaging webinars on what matters most Medicare compliance. Registration will open soon!

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[Our education program works!](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00293782)

Our Medicare experts work hard to host a variety of educational webinars each week. Read just a few comments we’ve received from providers about their experiences with our presentations and talented POE educators.

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[Electronic Billing newsletter](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00004731)

View the most recent release of our Electronic Billing newsletter. This newsletter is published quarterly and includes important EDI-related articles.

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August 1, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Aug 1, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTA4LTAxLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwODAxLjk4NDMwMTkxIn0.QmPNQrKM7zQuGm_cz7M5n2W5I1DdCSWz2GVmrh1xuFE/s/741183389/br/246744428471-l)

Final Payment Rules

* Skilled Nursing Facility FY 2025 Final Rule
* Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility FY 2025 Final Rule
* Inpatient Psychiatric Facility FY 2025 Final Rule
* Hospice FY 2025 Final Rule

News

* CMS Roundup (July 26, 2024)
* Opioid Treatment Program: Learn How to Bill Medicare

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* DMEPOS: Provider Level Adjustment Codes on Remittance Advice

Publications

* Beneficiaries Dually Eligible for Medicare & Medicaid — Revised

Multimedia

* Post-Acute Care Quality Reporting Programs: Patient Mood Interview Video Tutorial

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

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July 26, 2024

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July 25, 2024

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News

* CMS Announces Resources & Flexibilities to Assist with Public Health Emergency in Texas
* CMS Oral Health Cross-Cutting Initiative Fact Sheet
* Doctors & Clinicians: Utilization Data on Medicare.gov Compare Tool
* Help Improve the Program for Evaluating Payment Patterns Electronic Reports & Comparative Billing Reports
* Viral Hepatitis: Talk with Your Patients About Shots & Screenings

Compliance

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

MLN Matters® Articles

* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule & Laboratory Services Reasonable Charge Payment: October Update
* Lymphedema Compression Treatment Items: Implementation — Revised

Publications

* Ground Ambulance Industry Trends 2017–2022

Multimedia

* Post-Acute Care Quality Reporting Programs: FY & CY 2025 Program Updates Web-Based Training

From Our Federal Partners

* Disruptions in Availability of Becton Dickinson BACTEC Blood Culture Bottles

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July 24, 2024

[Update for submitting Part A IDE information to Novitas](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00132373)

For IDE trials which have received CMS approval to bill Medicare, Novitas requests certain information be sent to us before Part A claims are submitted. Please see our updated submission requirements for where to email the required information. The fax number currently used to submit CMS approved IDE information will no longer be available effective October 1, 2024.

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July 22, 2024

[On-Demand Learning](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/OutreachandEducation_JL/OnDemand)

Looking for education that fits your busy schedule? Visit the [On-Demand Learning](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/OutreachandEducation_JH/OnDemand) center on our website for a full listing of webinar recordings and click-and-play videos.  A few new topics include Medicare Part B Updates – July 2024, Modifier of the Month: 50 versus Anatomical Modifiers, and Medicare Part A Updates – July 2024.

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

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13717 - Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule & Laboratory Services Reasonable Charge Payment: October Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13717-clinical-laboratory-fee-schedule-laboratory-services-reasonable-charge-payment-october.pdf)

This article is for physicians, hospitals, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for laboratory services they provide to Medicare patients.

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July 18, 2024

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News

* Final Part Two Guidance to Help People with Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Manage Prescription Drug Costs
* Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System: Submit Comments by September 9
* Medicare Providers: Deadlines for Joining an Accountable Care Organization
* Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program: May 2 Webinar Materials Available
* CMS Roundup (July 12, 2024)

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes: FY 2025

Events

* Medicare Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests: Now Virtual-Only on July 25–26

Publications

* Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience Model

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

Please review the revised listing for drug, skin substitute, radio-pharmaceutical and ambulatory surgery center (ASC) device codes.

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

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July 17, 2024

[New process for pathology and laboratory codes](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00294519)

Avoid negative impacts to your claims by providing the medical records for the laboratory and pathology code claim submissions indicated in this [article](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00294519). We request specific documentation with submission of these pathology and lab codes.

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July 16, 2024

[On-Demand Learning](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/OutreachandEducation_JL/OnDemand)

Looking for education that fits your busy schedule? Visit the [On-Demand Learning](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/OutreachandEducation_JL/OnDemand) center on our website for a full listing of webinar recordings and click-and-play videos. A few of the new topics include Understanding Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) Services, Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) Additions and Revisions and more.

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[Change Healthcare (CHC) providers must bill electronically](ddocname:00290383)

ASCA requests related to the CHC cybersecurity incident are no longer being accepted. The electronic billing process has been restored and all impacted providers must resume electronic billing. Effective August 1, paper claims will no longer be accepted for any providers who received the ASCA waiver due to the CHC cybersecurity incident.

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[Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP)](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00171301)

The [Completing the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) Enrollment Application (CMS-20134 Form](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00171301)) has been updated with new CDC learning information.

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[New Local Coverage Determination (LCD): L39793 Cervical Fusion](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=39793&ver=40)

Effective August 11, local coverage determination (LCD) [L39793 Cervical Fusion](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=39793&ver=40) and billing and coding article (LCA) [A59668 Billing and Coding: Cervical Fusion](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleId=59668&ver=8) applies to cervical fusion for the decompression or stabilization of the cervical spine services.

The Novitas Provider Outreach and Education team and the sponsoring Clinical Medical Director will be hosting a webinar “New Local Coverage Determination: Cervical Fusion” on July 25, 2024, from 2:30 - 4:00 PM ET to review the coverage indications, limitations, medical necessity, provider qualifications and more of this new policy. You can register for this free, informative event by clicking this [link](https://fcso.webex.com/weblink/register/rd264a75d99f11e4e1aab8a4383291c51).

In addition, we will be hosting a webinar “Updates for the Hospital Outpatient Department (OPD) Prior Authorization (PA) Program” on August 8, 2024, from 1:00 - 2:30 PM ET to review updates and changes to the prior authorization (PA) program for hospital outpatient department (OPD) services, which includes cervical fusion services. You can register for this free, informative event by click this [link](https://fcso.webex.com/weblink/register/r577846fd088afddc1cd000af7295a555).

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July 11, 2024

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Proposed Rules

* Physician Fee Schedule CY 2025 Proposed Rule
* Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System & Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System CY 2025 Proposed Rule
* Mitigating the Impact of Significant, Anomalous, & Highly Suspect Billing Activity on Medicare Shared Savings Program Financial Calculations in CY 2023 Proposed Rule — Submit Comments by July 29

News

* Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience by Clearing the Path for Comprehensive, High-Quality Dementia Care
* New Alzheimer’s Drugs: Updates to CMS National Patient Registry
* Epileptologists: New Physician Specialty Code
* Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Supplier Enrollment: Updated CDC Organization Codes
* CMS Health Information Handler Helps You Submit Medical Review Documentation Electronically
* Help People Living with Disabilities Get the Care They Need

Compliance

* Negative Pressure Wound Therapy: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* HCPCS Application Summaries & Coding Decisions: Drugs & Biologicals

Events

* Medicare Advisory Panel on Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests: Now Virtual-Only on July 25–26

Publications

* Post-Acute Care Quality Reporting Programs: Technical Expert Panel Measurement Sets Report

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[EDI system status, scheduled maintenance, and operation hours](ddocname:00235304)

Due to scheduled maintenance, the TIBCO Gateway will not be available beginning July 13 at 7 a.m. ET through noon on July 14; therefore, you will be unable to submit EDI transactions or retrieve files. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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[Novitasphere system status and scheduled maintenance](ddocname:00098561)

Due to scheduled maintenance, the Novitasphere Claim Submission feature will not be available beginning July 13 at 7 a.m. ET through noon on July 14; therefore, you will be unable to submit EDI transactions or retrieve files. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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July 5, 2024

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

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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July 3, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: July 3, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTA3LTAzLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNzAzLjk3MTE4MjAxIn0.zQ97QzNGSZM3wa6YH8Vhhe8sy-8d7bddl1o4tYjJlsQ/s/741183389/br/245185608824-l)

News

* ESRD Prospective Payment System CY 2025 Proposed Rule — Submit Comments by August 26
* CMS Roundup (June 28, 2024)
* Improve Your Search Results for CMS Content

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

MLN Matters® Articles

* Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination Edit Software: October 2024 Update
* Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Update – July 2024 — Revised
* Diabetes Screening & Definitions Update: CY 2024 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule — Revised

Publications

* Medicare Part D Vaccines — Revised
* Period of Enhanced Oversight for New Hospices in Arizona, California, Nevada, & Texas — Revised

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July 2, 2024

[Open claim issues- 326x4 reason code range](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00003625)

New reason code range of 326x4 is assigning on claims that were returned to provider (RTP) prior to the July 1, 2024, release or in process over the installation of the July release on July 1, 2024. To prevent these reason codes from assigning, a brand new claim will need to be submitted. If you have submitted your claim prior to July 1, 2024, and received a reason code within the range of 326x4, please submit a brand new claim.

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July 1, 2024

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

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June 27, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: June 27, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTA2LTI3LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNjI3Ljk2ODM1MzMxIn0.yeoiU6MuR_hPMZY11MPVWjbPn0eE6UK-6RDM4iM6yFM/s/343285789/br/244859235868-l" \t "_blank)

News

* CY 2025 Home Health Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule
* PrEP Using Antiretroviral Therapy to Prevent HIV Infection: Technical FAQs for Pharmacies

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files & Revisions: July Update
* HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Enforcement: July 2024 Update

Events

* 2024 Virtual National Provider Compliance Conference — August 7 & 8

MLN Matters® Articles

* DMEPOS Fee Schedule: July 2024 Quarterly Update

Multimedia

* Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System: Webinar Recordings

From Our Federal Partners

* Increased Risk of Dengue Virus Infections in the U.S.
* Health Care Preparedness Resources

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

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

EDI and Novitasphere enrollment forms have been updated. Always use the most recent version of the forms when initially enrolling or updating your existing EDI account. The new version is R2-23 - any older form versions will be rejected as of August 25.

June 26, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

Revised:

* [MM13487 - Diabetes Screening & Definitions Update: CY 2024 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13487-diabetes-screening-definitions-update-cy-2024-physician-fee-schedule-final-rule.pdf)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs.

June 25, 2024

Limited Systems Availability

There will be Common Working File (CWF) “dark days” June 28-30, due to the July 2024 release installation. The interactive voice response (IVR) will have limited availability.

[Register Now: 2024 Virtual National Provider Compliance Conference](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00293985)

Registration is officially open for the 2024 Virtual National Provider Compliance Conference (NPCC) on Wednesday, August 7.

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13672 - Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination Edit Software: October 2024 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13672-changes-laboratory-national-coverage-determination-edit-software-october-2024-update.pdf)

This article is for laboratory physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for laboratory services they provide to Medicare patients.

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June 24, 2024

[Smart Edits](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00275505)

Smart edits were introduced in July of 2023 to analyze claim data and will be removed effective June 28th. No action is needed. The removal of these edits will not impact your electronic billing routine. The typical workday using electronic billing will remain the same.

The lists of the current Smart edits and more details on the process are available on the [Smart Edit](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00275505) web page.

June 21, 2024

[Revised March ASC Fee Schedule Disclosures](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00284592)

Please take a moment to review an updated full version of the March 9, 2024, ASC fee schedule.

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June 20, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: June 20, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTA2LTIwLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNjIwLjk2NTExNzcxIn0.uS4tXFYDZXqb08ipOSkcWnoQMBac4Obo7DhKCP2hNxk/s/741183389/br/244480235014-l)

News

* CMS Preparing to Close Program that Addressed Medicare Funding Issues Resulting from Change Healthcare Cyber-Attack
* Federal Study Examines Care Following Nonfatal Overdose Among Medicare Beneficiaries; Identifies Effective Interventions & Gaps in Care
* CMS Roundup (June 14, 2024)
* Medical Records Request Scam: Watch out for Phishing
* Provider & Supplier Enrollment Site Visits: CMS has Authority to Conduct
* Cognitive Health: Medicare Covers Services

Compliance

* Global Surgery: Bill Correctly

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Outpatient Institutional Providers: Find Out When to Split Claims for Updated Rates

Events

* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule Annual Public Meeting: Now Virtual-Only on June 25

MLN Matters® Articles

* Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Update – July 2024
* Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Update: DMEPOS Benefit Category Determinations

From Our Federal Partners

* Disrupted Access to Prescription Stimulant Medications Could Increase Risk of Injury & Overdose
* Severe Illness Potentially Associated with Consuming Diamond Shruumz Brand Chocolate Bars, Cones, & Gummies
* CHAMPVA Claims: Enroll in Direct Deposit — Reminder

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[Enrollment update](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName:00008290)

The [Opt Out Affidavit Form](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName:00008290) has been revised.

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

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June 18, 2024

Upcoming closure

Reminder: Novitas-Solutions will be closed on Wednesday June 19th in honor of Juneteenth. Our self-service tools, Novitasphere, and IVR will still be available. Utilizing these options may help you to avoid a potentially higher call volume and wait time the following day.

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June 17, 2024

Enrollment updates

Please take minute to review the updates to [Completing the Medicare Enrollment Application - Physicians and Non-Physician Practitioners (CMS-855I) application](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00004904), [Enrollment guide: Chapter 8 - Additional enrollment information for Part B](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00004829), [Opt Out Affidavit Form](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName:00008290), and [Determining your Medicare effective date](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00185516).

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

June is Men’s Health awareness month which is a perfect time to talk with your patients Consider these discussions during your patients upcoming annual wellness visit, which you can offer via telehealth. View the many preventive services Medicare covers including alcohol misuse screening and counseling, cancer screening for colorectal and prostate, cardiovascular disease screening and more.

Novitas offers free, virtual education on these topics. Visit our [Event Calendar](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00008010) to view a full listing of webinar opportunities.

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June 14, 2024

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13651 - Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Update: DMEPOS Benefit Category Determinations](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13651-medicare-benefit-policy-manual-update-dmepos-benefit-category-determinations.pdf)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for services they provide to Medicare patients.

* [MM13658 - DMEPOS Fee Schedule: July 2024 Quarterly Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13658-dmepos-fee-schedule-july-2024-quarterly-update.pdf)

This article is for suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for DMEPOS they provide to Medicare patients.

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June 13, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: June 13, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTA2LTEzLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNjEzLjk2MTk5NjYxIn0.ciaxvWa99zB25-50PBk7U3YmkMdX3TqdhldLsSKN4ew/s/741183389/br/244117528554-l)

News

* Medicare Shared Savings Program: Apply for January 1 Start Date by June 17
* Men’s Health: Encourage Your Patients to Prioritize Their Health

Compliance

* Hospital Beds & Accessories: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* ICD-10-PCS Procedure Codes: FY 2025

Events

* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule Annual Public Meeting: Now Virtual-Only on June 25

MLN Matters® Articles

* Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: July 2024 Update
* HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Enforcement: October 2024 Quarterly Update

Multimedia

* Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System: Labor Costs Webinar Recording

Information for Patients

* Medicare Information in Other Languages

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June 11, 2024

[On-Demand Learning](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/OutreachandEducation_JL/OnDemand)

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June 10, 2024

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

View the most recent updates for our LCDs and articles.

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June 7, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13661 - HCPCS Codes Used for Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing Enforcement: October 2024 Quarterly Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13661-hcpcs-codes-used-skilled-nursing-facility-consolidated-billing-enforcement-october-2024.pdf)

This article is for SNFs and other providers billing MACs for services they provide to Medicare patients.

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June 6, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: June 6, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTA2LTA2LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNjA2Ljk1ODcwNTUxIn0.rpi7G-oPh1lAaFXqA3-WiwC56_ihnQoFhknZmaZaEOA/s/741183389/br/243697774438-l)

News

* CMS Roundup (May 31, 2024)
* Quality Payment Program: 2022 Performance Information on Medicare.gov Compare Tool
* Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program: June Confidential Feedback Reports
* Medicare Providers: Deadlines for Joining an Accountable Care Organization
* Advancing Health Equity During Pride Month

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* DMEPOS: Clarification of Claim Liability for Overlapping Inpatient Hospital Stays
* Integrated Outpatient Code Editor Version 25.2
* National Correct Coding Initiative: July Update

MLN Matters® Articles

* National Coverage Determination 200.3: Monoclonal Antibodies for the Treatment of Alzheimer’s Disease

Publications

* Medicare Preventive Services — Revised

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[Online registration available for June 21 open meeting and proposed LCD now posted](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00007707)

Online registration for the Friday, June 21 open meeting is now available. Due to the Juneteenth holiday, presenter registration will close at noon ET on Tuesday, June 18.

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.

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

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June 5, 2024

[Radioactive diagnostic agents for positron emission tomography of prostate-speciﬁc membrane antigen positive lesions in men with prostate cancer](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00276910)

Review the recently updated Radioactive diagnostic agents for positron emission tomography of prostate-speciﬁc membrane antigen positive lesions in men with prostate cancer article.

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June 4, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13632 - Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: July 2024 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13632-hospital-outpatient-prospective-payment-system-july-2024-update.pdf)

This article is for physicians, hospitals, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for services they provide to Medicare patients.

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

Novitasphere is an online portal that provides many great features at no cost. Some of the features provide highly sensitive data that must be protected with security requirements. Read this article to understand some of those requirements.

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June 3, 2024

[Mental health: It’s important at every stage of life](https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-05-09-mlnc#_Toc166060191)

Mental and physical health are equally important components of overall health. Medicare covers preventive services, like depression screening which increases the risk for many types of physical health problems, particularly long-lasting conditions like diabetes, heart disease, and stroke.

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[Women’s Health: Talk with your patients about prevention, care & wellbeing](https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-05-16-mlnc#_Toc166661410)

Encourage your patients to prioritize whole health, prevention, care, and wellbeing. Medicare covers preventive services to help support a healthy lifestyle.

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May 31, 2024

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[Cycle 2 revalidation](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00131978)

Updates have been made to the following revalidation documents: [Cycle 2 revalidation](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00131978) and [Enrollment Revalidation](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00004862).

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May 30, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: May 30, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTA1LTMwLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNTMwLjk1NTIwNDExIn0.Vqf35y-NPWMgFu1mM2aYru20VeP-mgwCKAR25hNOFpI/s/741183389/br/243311739626-l)

News

* Hospice Interdisciplinary Team: Addition of Marriage and Family Therapists & Mental Health Counselors
* Revised Part B Inflation Rebate Guidance: Using the 340B Modifier — Reminder

MLN Matters® Articles

* HCPCS Codes & Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments Edits: October 2024
* Medicare Claims Processing Manual Update: Gap-Filling DMEPOS Fees

Publications

* SBIRT Services — Revised

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

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Medical documentation

Keeping proper medical documentation promotes patient’s clinical outcome. Review the [CMS video: Provider Minute: The Importance of Proper Documentation](https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnproducts/mln-publications/proper-documentation-ordered-items-and-services) and the [documentation checklists](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00229507).

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

A correction was installed on May 23, 2024, for bill types 11x that incorrectly assigned reason code 38001 to IRF claims. These claims can now be resubmitted.

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May 28, 2024

CMS Provider Compliance Fast Facts

Stay compliant by reviewing these fast facts, [Home Health Care: Proper Certification Required](https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnproducts/fast-facts/home-health-care), [Home Health LUPA Threshold: Bill Correctly](https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-educationmedicare-learning-network-mlnmlnproductsfast-facts/home-health-lupa-threshold-bill-correctly), and [Implanted Spinal Neurostimulators: Document Medical Records.](https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-educationmedicare-learning-network-mlnmlnproductsfast-facts/implanted-spinal-neurostimulators-document-medical-records)

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May 24, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13598 - National Coverage Determination 200.3: Monoclonal Antibodies for the Treatment of Alzheimer’s Disease](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13598-national-coverage-determination-2003-monoclonal-antibodies-treatment-alzheimers-disease.pdf)

This article is for physicians, hospitals, and other providers billing MACs for treatment of AD in Medicare patients.

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[Health equity innovation](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00292781)

Please take a minute to review the new Health Equity specialty page on our website.

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

Revised:

* [MM13613 - Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule & Laboratory Services Reasonable Charge Payment: Quarterly Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13613-clinical-laboratory-fee-schedule-laboratory-services-reasonable-charge-payment-quarterly.pdf)

This article is for physicians, hospitals, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs for laboratory services they provide to Medicare patients.

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May 23, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: May 23, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTA1LTIzLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNTIzLjk1MjI1NTgxIn0.lpm-uWXjU8a3D6h77B8VfZYn0LGbNk8NGl_ajcM3UPk/s/741183389/br/242975933000-l)

News

* Medicare Shared Savings Program: Apply by June 17 for January 1 Start Date
* Medicare Providers: Deadlines for Joining an Accountable Care Organization
* Institutional Providers: Medicare Enrollment & Certification Roadmap
* Improve Your Search Results for CMS Content

Compliance

* Medical Services Authorized by the Veterans Health Administration: Avoid Duplicate Payments

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Pass-Through Device: Correct Returned Claims

MLN Matters® Articles

* ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: October 2024 Update
* National Coverage Determination 110.23: Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation
* Hospice Claims Edits for Certifying Physicians — Revised

From Our Federal Partners

* Meningococcal Disease Cases Linked to Travel to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Ensure Travelers are Current on Meningococcal Vaccination

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

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May 22, 2024

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May 21, 2024

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

Did you know that the annual wellness visits (AWV) can be offered via telehealth. Learn more by reviewing our Preventive services/screenings article.

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May 17, 2024

[Positron emission tomography (FDG) for oncologic conditions and modifier usage](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJl/pagebyid?contentId=00291987)

The appeals department is receiving appeals regarding the incorrect usage of modifiers associated with PET scans. Review our positron emission tomography (FDG) for oncologic conditions and modifier usage article to ensure you are billing correctly.

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May 16, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: May 16, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTA1LTE2LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNTE2Ljk0ODg2MjQxIn0.mEJeQhD8xO4bW5ywrPpRg9jiEzmJVzi54exEWzRLNks/s/741183389/br/242552958404-l)

News

* Administration Acts to Improve Access to Kidney Transplants
* DMEPOS: Updated List of Items Potentially Subject to Conditions of Payment
* Lymphedema Compression Treatment Items: New DMEPOS Benefit Category
* Hospice: New Requirement for Physicians Who Certify Patient Eligibility Effective June 3
* Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database: July Update
* Women’s Health: Talk with Your Patients About Prevention, Care, & Wellbeing

Compliance

* Diabetic Shoes: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Home Health Claims: Additional Enforcement of Required County Codes

Events

* Overcoming COVID-19 Vaccine Payment Challenges Webinar — May 30

MLN Matters® Articles

* Annual Wellness Visit: Social Determinants of Health Risk Assessment
* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule & Laboratory Services Reasonable Charge Payment: Quarterly Update
* Diabetes Screening & Definitions Update: CY 2024 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule
* ESRD Prospective Payment System: Quarterly Update
* Updates for Split or Shared Evaluation and Management Visits

Multimedia

* Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program: Social Determinants of Health Video
* Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program: Annual Payment Update Webinar Materials

Information for Patients

* Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders: Updated Medicare.gov Content

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

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May 14, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13604 - National Coverage Determination 110.23: Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13604-national-coverage-determination-11023-allogeneic-hematopoietic-stem-cell-transplantation.pdf)

This article is for laboratory, physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs.

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May 13, 2024

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13596 - ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: October 2024 Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13596-icd-10-other-coding-revisions-national-coverage-determinations-october-2024-update.pdf)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs.

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May 10, 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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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13608 - ESRD Prospective Payment System: Quarterly Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13608-esrd-prospective-payment-system-quarterly-update.pdf)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and ESRD facilities billing MACs for services they provide to Medicare patients.

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May 9, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: May 9, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTA1LTA5LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNTA5Ljk0NTQzODUxIn0.1tjoiN6fupqhHBNi3woFmpT1L_a3ZzyA7cDooOMqp3s/s/741183389/br/242154202290-l)

News

* HHS Releases New Data Showing Over 10 million People with Medicare Received a Free Vaccine Because of the President’s Inflation Reduction Act; Releases Draft Guidance for the Second Cycle of Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program
* CMS Roundup (May 3, 2024)
* Medicare Shared Savings Program: Prepare to Apply & Register for June 5 Webinar
* Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule Preliminary Gapfill Rates: Submit Comments by July 1
* Home Health Quality Reporting Program: Draft OASIS-E1 Instruments & Manual
* Mental Health: It’s Important at Every Stage of Life

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System: Patient Driven Payment Model FY 2024 ICD-10 Code Mappings

Events

* HCPCS Public Meeting — May 28–30

Publications

* Part B Drug Payment Limits Overview
* Resource of Health Equity-related Data Definitions, Standards, and Stratification Practices

From Our Federal Partners

* Providers Accepting CHAMPVA: Enroll in Direct Deposit Now

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[Modifier 33](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00144515)

Social determinants of health risk assessment is now an optional element of an annual wellness visits (AWV). Separately payable from AWV with no coinsurance and deductible when part of AWV, with the same date of services as AWV, and modifier 33.

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May 8, 2024

[Corneal tissue procurement/acquisition](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00084607)

Under the ASC payment system, payment is based on acquisition cost/invoice. If an invoice is not included, the claim may be denied.

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May 6, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

* [MM13592 - Updates for Split or Shared Evaluation & Management Visits](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13592-updates-split-or-shared-evaluation-management-visits.pdf)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs.

* [MM13486 - Annual Wellness Visit: Social Determinants of Health Risk Assessment](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13486-annual-wellness-visit-social-determinants-health-risk-assessment.pdf)

This article is for hospitals, physicians, and other providers billing MACs.

* [MM13613 - Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule & Laboratory Services Reasonable Charge Payment: Quarterly Update](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13613-clinical-laboratory-fee-schedule-laboratory-services-reasonable-charge-payment-quarterly.pdf)

This article is for physicians, hospitals, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs.

* [MM13487 - Diabetes Screening & Definitions Update: CY 2024 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13487-diabetes-screening-definitions-update-cy-2024-physician-fee-schedule-final-rule.pdf)

This article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing MACs.

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May 2, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: May 2, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTA1LTAyLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNTAyLjk0MjAzOTYxIn0.dgDKHP1d5zhNkStrqeNxDr8hvnmoX1wCULNd33L8ycU/s/741183389/br/241763647454-l)

News

* CMS Statement on Proposed Local Coverage Determination for Skin Substitute Grafts/Cellular and Tissue-Based Products for the Treatment of Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Venous Leg Ulcers
* Quality in Motion: Acting on the CMS National Quality Strategy
* ESRD: Oral-Only Renal Dialysis Service Drugs & Biological Products

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments: Adjusting Claims

Events

* CMS National Provider Enrollment Conference in San Diego — August 28 & 29

Publications

* Skilled Nursing Facility Place of Service Codes: Updated Resources

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[Electronic Billing Newsletter](ddocname:00004731)

View the most recent release of our Electronic Billing Newsletter. This newsletter is published quarterly and includes important EDI-related articles.

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May 1, 2024

[Important EDI enrollment form information](ddocname:00291193)

Read this article prior to submitting EDI enrollment forms. The article reviews current inventory trends and form submission reminders.

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[Eligibility and MBI information in Novitasphere](ddocname:00286381)

Novitasphere provides accurate and up-to-date information on eligibility details with a simple search using the patient’s full name and Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI). An MBI Lookup feature is also available in Novitasphere that will allow you to lookup the MBI if you do not have that information. Read this article for more details on the Novitasphere portal features and how to obtain access.

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April 30, 2024

[Home Health Care: Proper Certification Required](https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnproducts/fast-facts/home-health-care)

How to certify patients for the Medicare home health benefit. Is a face-to-face encounter required? View the Provider Compliance Fast Facts for more information.

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[Creating an Effective Hospice Plan of Care](https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-educationmedicare-learning-network-mlnmlnproductsfast-facts/creating-effective-hospice-plan-care)

Does your plan of care have deficiencies such as poor care planning, mismanagement of aide services or inadequate assessments of patient’s?

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[Implanted Spinal Neurostimulators: Document Medical Records](https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-educationmedicare-learning-network-mlnmlnproductsfast-facts/implanted-spinal-neurostimulators-document-medical-records)

Does your medical documentation support the medical necessity for implanted spinal neurostimulators? Is a prior authorization needed?

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[On-Demand learning](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/OutreachandEducation_JL/OnDemand)

Looking for education that fits your busy schedule? Visit the On-Demand learning center on our website for a full listing of webinar recordings and click-and-play videos. New topics include Submitting Electronic Claims using PC-ACE, Verifying beneficiary benefit eligibility and more.

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April 26, 2024

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News

* Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities and Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency Reporting Final Rule
* CMS Roundup (Apr 19, 2024)
* Hospice: Certifying Physicians Must Enroll in or Opt-Out of Medicare: Delayed until June 3
* Comprehensive Error Rate Testing Program: Reduced Sample Size Starting with Reporting Year 2025
* Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program: FY 2026 Early Look Performance Score Report

Compliance

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: Correcting Errors to Codes 0621T, J7353, & C9167

MLN Matters® Articles

* Medicare Claims Processing Manual Update: Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
* National Coverage Determination 20.7: Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty
* DMEPOS Fee Schedule: April 2024 Quarterly Update — Revised

From Our Federal Partners

* Adverse Effects Linked to Counterfeit or Mishandled Botulinum Toxin Injections

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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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April 25, 2024

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News

* Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities and Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency Reporting Final Rule
* CMS Roundup (Apr 19, 2024)
* Hospice: Certifying Physicians Must Enroll in or Opt-Out of Medicare by May 1
* Comprehensive Error Rate Testing Program: Reduced Sample Size Starting with Reporting Year 2025
* Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program: FY 2026 Early Look Performance Score Report

Compliance

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: Correcting Errors to Codes 0621T, J7353, & C9167

MLN Matters® Articles

* Medicare Claims Processing Manual Update: Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
* National Coverage Determination 20.7: Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty
* DMEPOS Fee Schedule: April 2024 Quarterly Update — Revised

From Our Federal Partners

* Adverse Effects Linked to Counterfeit or Mishandled Botulinum Toxin Injections

[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](ddocname:00287981)

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](ddocname:00287981)

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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[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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April 2, 2024

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

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April 1, 2024

[Understanding the Novitasphere enrollment message.](ddocname:00286381)

Please read this article for more information.

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March 28, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Mar 28, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTAzLTI4LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwMzI4LjkyNTAyNDcxIn0.Ns7pqIlCxPVBQCQds3ArGCYiyU5IHeOshYu9IIvg1tk/s/741183389/br/239738840736-l)

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)

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

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

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

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Mar 21, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTAzLTIxLW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwMzIxLjkyMTQzMjMxIn0.J7WOwc12gaL0CHtRRRpv2hsHQQlTVqCHPrm9yarjFOM/s/741183389/br/239222476230-l)

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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March 20, 2024

[Claim submission and ERA 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 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](ddocname:00288986)

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

[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 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

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Mar 14, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTAzLTE0LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwMzE0LjkxNzkwMTMxIn0.A9re1IF7UzlI-65jnrFb66NQmh4Hr8CBOKAbULxjcrw/s/741183389/br/238810830296-l)

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)

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

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March 7, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Mar 7, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTAzLTA3LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwMzA3LjkxNDMyMDIxIn0.DQsqb3yvymO9XeiiVT4QRmzJLBcH2ByyZK0FpF8vDl4/s/741183389/br/238383877463-l)

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)

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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)

View the most recent updates for our LCDs and articles.

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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:00236502) 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)](ddocname: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, 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" \t "_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](mailto: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](ddocname:00006150).

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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](ddocname:00196701) 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" \t "_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](ddocname:00280708)

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" \t "_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](ddocname:00003625)

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..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, and  Delaware |
| 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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July 20, 2023

[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

MLN Matters® Articles

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

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* Telehealth Services — 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](ddocname:00202714) 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, and  Delaware |
| 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](ddocname:00278911)

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" \t "_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)

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* [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.