

Cotiviti Approved Issues List as of March 21, 2023

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MS-DRG Coding requires that diagnostic and procedural information and the discharge status of the beneficiary, as coded and reported by the hospital on its claim, matches both the attending physician description and the information contained in the beneficiary's medical record. Reviewers will validate MS-DRGs for principal and secondary diagnosis and procedures affecting or potentially affecting the MS-DRG assignment. Coding changes may result in a partial overpayment or under payment. Non-receipt of records will result in a full overpayment. Review of Length of Stay and Clinical Validation is not permitted.	0001 - Inpatient Hospital MS-DRG Coding Validation	Inpatient Hospital	3 years prior to the ADR Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to Respond to Additional Documentation Request; 5. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations, Reconsiderations, Decisions, and Reviews, (b)- Timeframes and Requirements for Reopening Initial Determinations and Redeterminations Initiated by a Contractor; and (c)- Timeframes and Requirements for Reopening Initial Determinations and Redeterminations Requested by a Party; 6. 42 CFR §405.986- Good Cause for Reopening; 7. Medicare Program Integrity Manual, Chapter 3- Verifying Potential Errors and Taking Corrective Actions, §53.1- 3.6.6; 8. Medicare Program Integrity Manual, CMS Publication 100-08; Chapter 6- Medicare Contractor Medical Review Guidelines for Specific Services, §6.5.3- DRG Validation Review; 9. CMS Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Manual, Chapter 4- Case Review, Section 4130- DRG Validation Review; 10. Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Final Rule and Correcting Amendment Tables: CMS-1752-F Table 5 https://www.cms.gov/medicare/acute-inpatient-pps/fy-2022-ipps-final-rule-home-page ; 11. Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 3, §20.1.2.4 B & C, §40.2.4.C & D; 12. ICD-10 Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) and ICD-10- Procedural Coding System (PCS) (ICD-10-PCS) Coding Manual, Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting, and Addendums	Complex	1/23/2017	Approved
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Documentation will be reviewed to determine if Cataract Surgery meets Medicare coverage criteria, meets applicable coding guidelines, and/or is medically reasonable and necessary.	0002 - Cataract Removal: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC), Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to the ADR Letter date	2 - all applicable states; excluding WPS	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations,	Complex	2/12/2017	Approved

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Claims for sacral nerve stimulation for urinary or fecal incontinence not deemed to be medically necessary will be denied.	0003 - Sacral Neurostimulation: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Inpatient Hospital, Outpatient Hospital, Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC), Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the ADR Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR 405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR 405.930- Failure to	Complex	1/23/2017	Approved
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Documentation will be reviewed to determine if the Skilled Nursing Facility stay meets Medicare coverage criteria, meets applicable coding guidelines, and/or is medically reasonable and necessary.	0004 - Skilled Nursing Facility: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	3 years prior to the ADR Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 Code of Federal Regulations 405.980- Reopening of Initial	Complex	5/5/2017	Approved
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The surgical management for the treatment of morbid obesity is considered reasonable and necessary for Medicare beneficiaries who have a BMI ≥ 35, have at least one co-morbidity related to obesity and have been previously unsuccessful with the medical treatment of obesity. Claims requiring surgical coding for the surgical management for the treatment of morbid obesity is considered reasonable and necessary for Medicare beneficiaries who have a BMI ≥ 35, have at least one co-morbidity related to obesity and have been previously unsuccessful with the medical treatment of obesity. Claims requiring surgical coding for	0008 - Bariatric Surgery: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital; Inpatient Hospital	3 years prior to the ADR Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR 405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR 405.930- Failure to	Complex	1/23/2017	Approved
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Documentation will be reviewed to determine if Cardiac PET Scans meet Medicare coverage criteria, meet applicable coding guidelines, and/or are medically reasonable and necessary.	0010 - Cardiac Positron Emission Tomography Scans: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital; Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the ADR Letter date	3 - Florida, PR and VI ONLY	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	1/24/2017	Approved
Home Services Billed for Hospital Inpatients - Home Services CPT codes may not be used for billing services provided in settings other than in the private residence of a beneficiary.	0011 - Inappropriate Billing of Home Visit Professional Service Evaluation and Management Codes During Inpatient	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR 405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR 405.930- Failure to Respond to Additional	Automated	1/29/2017	Approved
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Under the Medicare PPS for inpatient psychiatric facilities (IPF), CMS makes an additional payment to an IPF or a distinct part unit (DPU) for the first day of a beneficiary's stay to account for emergency department costs if the IPF has a qualifying emergency department. However, CMS does not make this payment if	0022 - Inpatient Psychiatric Admission Billed without Source of Admission Equal to "D"	Inpatient Hospital, Inpatient Psychiatric Facility	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2. Social Security Act, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Automated	2/27/2017	Approved
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Claims for HCPCS code G0438 billed more than once in a lifetime will be denied. HCPCS code G0438 (Annual wellness visit; includes a personalized prevention plan of service (PPS), initial visit) is a "one time" allowed Medicare benefit per beneficiary.	0028 - Annual Wellness Visits: Excessive Units	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR 405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations,	Automated	4/26/2017	Approved
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Both Initial Hospital Care codes (CPT codes 99221-99223) and Subsequent Hospital Care codes (CPT codes 99231-99233) are "per diem" services and may be reported only once per day by the same physician(s) of the same specialty from the same group practice.	0037 - Hospital Services: Excessive Units	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR 405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR 405.930- Failure to Respond to Additional	Automated	3/23/2017	Approved
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If the inpatient care is being billed by the hospital as inpatient hospital care, the hospital care codes apply. If the inpatient care is being billed by the hospital as nursing facility care, then the nursing facility codes apply. Hospital Care CPT codes 00331-00332-00333-00334 and 00378-00379 will result in an overpayment and	0038 - Visits to Patients in Swing Beds: Incorrect Coding	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR 405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 2 CFR 405.930- Failure to	Automated	3/23/2017	Approved
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Providers are only allowed to bill the CPT codes for New Patient visits if the patient has not received any face-to-face service from the physician or physician group practice (limited to physicians of the same specialty) within the previous 3 years. This even includes claims for patients who have been seen by the same provider	0039 - Ophthalmology Codes for New Patient: Incorrect Coding	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and	Automated	3/23/2017	Approved
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Office or other outpatient visits for evaluation and management services may not be billed for patients while admitted to a hospital setting. Services billed incorrectly will result in an overpayment and will be recouped.	0042 - Evaluation and Management Services for Office or Other Outpatient Visit Billed for Hospital Inpatients: Incorrect Coding	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR 405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR 405.930- Failure to	Automated	3/23/2017	Approved
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A new patient is one who has not received any professional services, (e.g., E/M service or other face-to-face service (e.g., surgical procedure)) from the physician or physician group practice (same physician specialty) within the previous 3 years. The subsequently billed new patient visit will be denied if another E/M procedure	0043 - New Patient Visits: Incorrect Coding	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR 405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR 405.930- Failure to	Automated	3/23/2017	Approved

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Claims for CPT code 67228 (Treatment of extensive or progressive retinopathy), billed more frequently than once per eye within the global surgery period will be denied.	0047 - Panretinal (Scatter) Laser Photocoagulation: Excessive Frequency	Outpatient Hospital, Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - NGS states only: IL, MN, WI	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	4/26/2017	Approved
Algorithm identifies all paid Ambulance Claims billed with any HCPCS codes listed in Appendix D with modifier NN on the same line, for SNF claims. Under the prospective payment system, some ambulance transportation provided by outside entities to SNF residents is included in the SNF's Medicare Part A payment.	0049 - Ambulance Transfer between Skilled Nursing Facilities: Unbundling	Ambulance Providers	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	8/8/2017	Approved
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CPT has designated certain codes as "add-on procedures". These services are always done in conjunction with another procedure and are only payable when an appropriate primary service is also billed.	0050 - Add-on Codes Paid without Primary Code and/or Denied Primary Code	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioners); Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations,	Automated	1/22/2021	Approved
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Claims for CPT/HCPCS codes that are billed with a TC and/or PC modifier in addition to the global procedure by the same provider, will be denied. Denied claims (or claim lines) will result in an overpayment and payment will be corrected.	0051 - Global versus Technical Component/Professional Component Reimbursements: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner), Lab/Ambulance	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	4/26/2017	Approved
Claims for CPT/HCPCS codes that are billed with a TC and/or PC modifier in addition to the global procedure by the same provider, will be denied. Denied claims (or claim lines) will result in an overpayment and payment will be corrected.	0051 - Global versus Technical Component/Professional Component Reimbursements: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner), Lab/Ambulance	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 - all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Automated	4/26/2017	Approved
Ambulance services during an inpatient stay are included in the facility's PPS payment and are not separately payable under Part B, excluding the date of admission, date of discharge and any leave of absence days. Ambulance providers are expected to seek reimbursement from the inpatient facility. The date will be denied if billed separately.	0054 - Ambulance Billed during Inpatient: Unbundling	Ambulance Providers	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations,	Automated	6/20/2017	Approved
Ambulance services during an inpatient stay are included in the facility's PPS payment and are not separately payable under Part B, excluding the date of admission, date of discharge and any leave of absence days. Ambulance providers are expected to seek reimbursement from the inpatient facility. The date will be denied if billed separately.	0054 - Ambulance Billed during Inpatient: Unbundling	Ambulance Providers	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations,	Automated	6/20/2017	Approved
Claims with CPT inpatient hospital care evaluation and management (E/M) codes billed for services rendered to a patient residing in a skilled nursing facility (SNF), with no inpatient hospital facility claim for the same date of service, will be denied to avoid duplicate payment. CPT E/M codes.	0056 - Evaluation and Management Services in Skilled Nursing Facilities: Incorrect Coding	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	8/7/2017	Approved
Claims with CPT inpatient hospital care evaluation and management (E/M) codes billed for services rendered to a patient residing in a skilled nursing facility (SNF), with no inpatient hospital facility claim for the same date of service, will be denied to avoid duplicate payment. CPT E/M codes.	0056 - Evaluation and Management Services in Skilled Nursing Facilities: Incorrect Coding	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 - all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Automated	8/7/2017	Approved
When reporting service units for untimed codes (excluding Modifiers -XX, and -59) where the procedure is not defined by a specific timeframe, the provider may not exceed (1) in the units billed column per date of service.	0060 - Untimed Therapy: Excessive Units	Outpatient Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (ORF), Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (COPRF)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	9/8/2017	Approved
When reporting service units for untimed codes (excluding Modifiers -XX, and -59) where the procedure is not defined by a specific timeframe, the provider may not exceed (1) in the units billed column per date of service.	0060 - Untimed Therapy: Excessive Units	Outpatient Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (ORF), Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (COPRF)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	9/8/2017	Approved
The Nursing Facility Services codes represent a "per day" service. As such, these codes may only be reported once per day, per Beneficiary, Provider and date of service. Relevant CPT codes billed more than once per day will result in an overpayment.	0061 - Nursing Facility Services: Excessive Units	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 2. Social Security Act, Title XVII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A) - Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 3. 42 Code of Federal Regulations §424.5(a)(6)- Sufficient Information; 4. 42 Code of Federal	Automated	9/8/2017	Approved
The Nursing Facility Services codes represent a "per day" service. As such, these codes may only be reported once per day, per Beneficiary, Provider and date of service. Relevant CPT codes billed more than once per day will result in an overpayment.	0061 - Nursing Facility Services: Excessive Units	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 - all applicable states	1.Social Security Act, Title XVII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits 2.Social Security Act, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A) - Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer	Automated	9/8/2017	Approved
Carriers may not pay for the technical component (TC) or radiology services furnished to patients in hospital settings. Query identifies TC portion of radiology paid to entities other than the inpatient facility. Findings are limited to claim lines billed with modifier TC and claim lines for codes with TC HC indicator "1".	0062 - Radiology: Technical Component during Inpatient Stay	Radiologists/Part B providers doing radiology service	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	9/8/2017	Approved
Carriers may not pay for the technical component (TC) or radiology services furnished to patients in hospital settings. Query identifies TC portion of radiology paid to entities other than the inpatient facility. Findings are limited to claim lines billed with modifier TC and claim lines for codes with TC HC indicator "1".	0062 - Radiology: Technical Component during Inpatient Stay	Radiologists/Part B providers doing radiology service	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 - all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Automated	9/8/2017	Approved
Duplicate claims or line date of service items will be denied.	0064 - Facility Duplicate Claims	Inpatient Hospital; Outpatient Hospital; Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 - all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Automated	9/8/2017	Approved
Duplicate claims or line date of service items will be denied.	0064 - Facility Duplicate Claims	Inpatient Hospital; Outpatient Hospital; Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	9/8/2017	Approved
Inpatient hospital services furnished to a patient of an inpatient psychiatric facility will be reviewed to determine that services were medically reasonable and necessary. Services found to be not medically reasonable and necessary will result in an overpayment.	0067 - Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Services: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Inpatient Hospital (IP); Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1815(a)- Payment to Providers of Services; 2. Title XVII of the Social Security Act (SSA), Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. Title XVII of the Social Security Act (SSA), Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as Secondary Payer; 4. Title XVIII of the Social Security	Complex	9/8/2017	Approved
Inpatient hospital services furnished to a patient of an inpatient psychiatric facility will be reviewed to determine that services were medically reasonable and necessary. Services found to be not medically reasonable and necessary will result in an overpayment.	0067 - Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Services: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Inpatient Hospital (IP); Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 - all applicable states	1.Title XVII of the Social Security Act (SSA), Section 1814(a)(2)(A) and (4)- Conditions of and Limitations on Payment for Services 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1815(a)- Payment to Providers of Services	Complex	9/8/2017	Approved
Outpatient service dates that fall totally within inpatient admission and discharge dates at the same or another provider or outpatient bill that overlaps an inpatient admission are considered exact duplicates and should be rejected.	0072 - Outpatient Service Overlapping or During an Inpatient Stay: Duplicate Payments	Outpatient Hospital; Inpatient Hospital Part B, TOB: 12x, 13x	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. SSA, Title XVII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to Respond to Additional Documentation Request; 5. 42	Automated	10/5/2017	Approved

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Outpatient service dates that fall totally within inpatient admission and discharge dates at the same or another provider or outpatient bill that overlaps an inpatient admission are considered exact duplicates and should be rejected.	0072 - Outpatient Service Overlapping or During an Inpatient Stay: Duplicate Payments	Outpatient Hospital; Inpatient Hospital Part B, TOB: 12x, 13x	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 - all applicable states	1. SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to Respond to Additional Documentation Request; 5. 42	Automated	10/5/2017	Approved
Medicare only pays for services that are reasonable and necessary for the setting billed. The inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF) benefit is designed to provide intensive rehabilitation therapy in a resource intensive inpatient hospital	0073 - Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility; Inpatient	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, §1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, §1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. SSA, Title XVII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, §1834(m)(4)(F)- Telehealth Service; 4. 42 CFR §405.929-	Complex	10/4/2018	Approved
Medicare only pays for services that are reasonable and necessary for the setting billed. The inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF) benefit is designed to provide intensive rehabilitation therapy in a resource intensive inpatient hospital	0073 - Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility; Inpatient	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, §1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, §1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	10/4/2018	Approved
Drugs and Biologicals are billed in multiples of the dosage specified in the HCPCS code long descriptor. The number of units billed should be assigned based on the dosage increment specified in that CPT/HCPCS long descriptor, and correspond to	0074 - Drugs and Biologicals: Incorrect Units Billed	Outpatient Hospital; Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	12/21/2017	Approved
Claims billed with excessive or insufficient units will be reviewed to determine the actual amount administered and the correct number of billable/payable units.	0074 - Drugs and Biologicals in Single-Dose Vials: Incorrect Units Billed	Outpatient Hospital; Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	12/21/2017	Approved
The Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) is not payable if an Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE) or an Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) has been paid within the previous eleven (11) whole months.	0077 - Annual Wellness Visit Billed Sooner Than Eleven Whole Months Following the Initial Preventive Physical Examination	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations,	Automated	1/9/2018	Approved
The Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) is not payable if an Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE) or an Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) has been paid within the previous eleven (11) whole months.	0077 - Annual Wellness Visit Billed Sooner Than Eleven Whole Months Following the Initial Preventive Physical Examination	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 - all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Automated	1/9/2018	Approved
Laboratory services are covered under Part A, excluding anatomic pathology services and certain clinical pathology services, therefore if billed separately should be denied as unbundled services. Denied services will result in an	0085 - Laboratory Services Rendered During an Inpatient Stay: Unbundling	Laboratory, Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Automated	3/13/2018	Approved
Laboratory services are covered under Part A, excluding anatomic pathology services and certain clinical pathology services, therefore if billed separately should be denied as unbundled services. Denied services will result in an	0085 - Laboratory Services Rendered During an Inpatient Stay: Unbundling	Laboratory, Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act, Title XVIII - Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, §1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act, Title XVIII - Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, §1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations, Reconsiderations, Decisions,	Automated	3/13/2018	Approved
Hospital outpatient observation care (initial, subsequent and/or discharge management) rendered on the same date as a hospital inpatient admission by the same physician is not separately payable. Medicare payment for the initial	0086 - Observation Evaluation & Management (E&M) Services Billed Same Day as Inpatient Admission: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.930- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	3/14/2018	Approved
Hospital outpatient observation care (initial, subsequent and/or discharge management) rendered on the same date as a hospital inpatient admission by the same physician is not separately payable. Medicare payment for the initial	0086 - Observation Evaluation & Management (E&M) Services Billed Same Day as Inpatient Admission: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	3/14/2018	Approved
The ESRD PPS includes consolidated billing for limited Part B services included in the ESRD facility bundled payment. Certain laboratory services and limited drugs and supplies will be subject to Part B consolidated billing and will no longer be	0087 - Laboratory Services for End-Stage Renal Disease Subject to Part B Consolidated Billing: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	3/14/2018	Approved
The ESRD PPS includes consolidated billing for limited Part B services included in the ESRD facility bundled payment. Certain laboratory services and limited drugs and supplies will be subject to Part B consolidated billing and will no longer be	0087 - Laboratory Services for End-Stage Renal Disease Subject to Part B Consolidated Billing: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Automated	3/14/2018	Approved
Covered ancillary items and services are not payable if there is no approved Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) surgical procedure on the same claim or in history for the same date of service and same provider.	0088 - Ancillary Services Billed Without an Approved Surgical Procedure	Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations,	Automated	3/14/2018	Approved
Covered ancillary items and services are not payable if there is no approved Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) surgical procedure on the same claim or in history for the same date of service and same provider.	0088 - Ancillary Services Billed Without an Approved Surgical Procedure	Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations,	Automated	3/14/2018	Approved
Services of Clinical Social Workers (CSW) rendered during Inpatient Hospital stays are included in the facilities PPS payment and are not separately payable under Part B. CSW providers are expected to seek reimbursement from the facility.	0089 - Clinical Social Worker during Inpatient: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and	Automated	3/14/2018	Approved
Services of Clinical Social Workers (CSW) rendered during Inpatient Hospital stays are included in the facilities PPS payment and are not separately payable under Part B. CSW providers are expected to seek reimbursement from the facility.	0089 - Clinical Social Worker during Inpatient: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section §1861(hh)- Clinical Social Worker,	Automated	3/14/2018	Approved
The technical component (TC) of lab/pathology services furnished to patients in an inpatient or outpatient hospital setting are not separately payable.	0090 - Laboratory/Pathology Technical Component for Inpatient or Outpatient Hospitals: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner); Laboratory; Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility (IDTF)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	4/4/2018	Approved
The technical component (TC) of lab/pathology services furnished to patients in an inpatient or outpatient hospital setting are not separately payable.	0090 - Laboratory/Pathology Technical Component for Inpatient or Outpatient Hospitals: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner); Laboratory; Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility (IDTF)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	4/4/2018	Approved
Duplicate claims are any claims paid across more than one claim number for the same Beneficiary, CPT/HCPCS code and service date by the same provider.	0091- Duplicate Claims: Professional Services	Part B Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to Respond to Additional	Automated	5/8/2018	Approved
Duplicate claims will be denied if billed with exact data and the contractor paid for services more than once. Denied duplicate claims will result in no payment.	0091- Duplicate Claims: Professional Services	Part B Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to Respond to Additional	Automated	5/8/2018	Approved
Duplicate claims are any claims paid across more than one claim number for the same Beneficiary, CPT/HCPCS code and service date by the same provider.	0091- Duplicate Claims: Professional Services	Part B Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations,	Automated	5/8/2018	Approved
The review shall identify claims billed incorrectly as percutaneous implantation of neurostimulator electrode arrays when the medical record demonstrates the transcutaneous placement of a device.	0092 - Percutaneous Implantation of Neurostimulator Electrode Array: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital; Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC); Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations,	Complex	5/8/2018	Approved
The review shall identify claims billed incorrectly as percutaneous implantation of neurostimulator electrode arrays when the medical record demonstrates the transcutaneous placement of a device.	0092 - Percutaneous Implantation of Neurostimulator Electrode Array: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital; Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC); Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	5/8/2018	Approved

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HCPCS Codes with a PC/IC Indicator of "1" and billed with either 26 or IC in any modifier field should be paid at either the technical component or the professional component rate based on the modifier billed. Overpayments occur when the applicable Medicare Physician Fee Schedule amount for Modifier TC is used.	0116 - Modifiers TC and 26: Incorrect Coding	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	10/9/2018	Approved
HCPCS Codes with a PC/IC Indicator of "1" and billed with either 26 or IC in any modifier field should be paid at either the technical component or the professional component rate based on the modifier billed. Overpayments occur when the applicable Medicare Physician Fee Schedule amount for Modifier TC is used.	0116 - Modifiers TC and 26: Incorrect Coding	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	10/9/2018	Approved
Epidural injections are generally performed to treat pain arising from spinal nerve roots. These procedures may be performed via three distinct techniques, each of which involves introducing a needle into the epidural space by a different route of entry. These are termed the interlaminar, caudal, and transforaminal approaches. When billed on the same date of service as an inpatient hospital claim, the Technical Component (TC) of diagnostics is not payable to the Part B provider. The technical component is performed by the facility while a patient is in a covered hospital inpatient stay. Incorrect billing of the technical component will be denied and overpayment will be required.	0119 - Transforaminal Epidural Steroid Injection: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner); Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to Respond to Additional Documentation Request; 5. 42	Complex	10/31/2018	Approved
When billed on the same date of service as an inpatient hospital claim, the Technical Component (TC) of diagnostics is not payable to the Part B provider. The technical component is performed by the facility while a patient is in a covered hospital inpatient stay. Incorrect billing of the technical component will be denied and overpayment will be required.	0123 - Technical Component of Diagnostic Procedures During Inpatient: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner); Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility (IDTF)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	12/11/2018	Approved
When billed on the same date of service as an inpatient hospital claim, the Technical Component (TC) of diagnostics is not payable to the Part B provider. The technical component is performed by the facility while a patient is in a covered hospital inpatient stay. Incorrect billing of the technical component will be denied and overpayment will be required.	0123 - Technical Component of Diagnostic Procedures During Inpatient: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner); Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility (IDTF)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	12/11/2018	Approved
HCPCS/CPT Codes with a PC/IC Indicator of "7" in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base payment may not be made if the service is provided to a hospital inpatient by a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or speech therapist. HCPCS/CPT Codes with a PC/IC Indicator of "7" in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base payment may not be made if the service is provided to a hospital inpatient by a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or speech therapist.	0124 - Part B Therapies during Inpatient: Unbundling	Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Speech Language Therapist	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	11/30/2018	Approved
HCPCS/CPT Codes with a PC/IC Indicator of "7" in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base payment may not be made if the service is provided to a hospital inpatient by a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or speech therapist.	0124 - Part B Therapies during Inpatient: Unbundling	Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Speech Language Therapist	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Automated	11/30/2018	Approved
Surgical endoscopy includes diagnostic endoscopy. A diagnostic endoscopy HCPCS/CPT code shall not be reported with a surgical endoscopy code. If multiple endoscopic services are performed, the most comprehensive code describing the surgical endoscopy shall be reported.	0126 - Endoscopy Procedures: Diagnostic and Surgical Billed Same Day	Outpatient Facility; Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC); Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations,	Automated	11/14/2018	Approved
Surgical endoscopy includes diagnostic endoscopy. A diagnostic endoscopy HCPCS/CPT code shall not be reported with a surgical endoscopy code. If multiple endoscopic services are performed, the most comprehensive code describing the surgical endoscopy shall be reported.	0126 - Endoscopy Procedures: Diagnostic and Surgical Billed Same Day	Outpatient Facility; Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC); Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations,	Automated	11/14/2018	Approved
For purposes of coverage under Medicare, Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) is a modality in which the entire body is exposed to oxygen under increased atmospheric pressure. The patient is entirely enclosed in a pressure chamber for the purpose of coverage under Medicare.	0129 - Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for Diabetic Wounds: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations,	Complex	1/30/2019	Approved
For purposes of coverage under Medicare, Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) is a modality in which the entire body is exposed to oxygen under increased atmospheric pressure. The patient is entirely enclosed in a pressure chamber for the purpose of coverage under Medicare.	0129 - Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for Diabetic Wounds: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	1/30/2019	Approved
All PET Scans require the use of radiopharmaceutical diagnostic imaging agent (tracer). Claims billed without the required Tracer HCPCS codes will be recovered as overpayments.	0133 - Positron Emission Tomography Scans Paid without Tracer Codes- Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility: Non-Allowable Service	Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations,	Automated	2/5/2019	Approved
All PET Scans require the use of radiopharmaceutical diagnostic imaging agent (tracer). Claims billed without the required Tracer HCPCS codes will be recovered as overpayments.	0133 - Positron Emission Tomography Scans Paid without Tracer Codes- Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility: Non-Allowable Service	Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review	Automated	2/5/2019	Approved
Claims for Cryosurgery of the Prostate are deemed to be medically necessary for the indications listed in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid National Coverage Determination Manual (Publication 100-03, Part 4, §230.9). Documentation will be reviewed to determine if cryosurgery of the prostate is medically necessary.	0134 - Cryosurgery of the Prostate: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital, Ambulatory Surgery Center, and Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Complex	2/5/2019	Approved
Claims for Cryosurgery of the Prostate are deemed to be medically necessary for the indications listed in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid National Coverage Determination Manual (Publication 100-03, Part 4, §230.9). Documentation will be reviewed to determine if cryosurgery of the prostate is medically necessary.	0134 - Cryosurgery of the Prostate: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital, Ambulatory Surgery Center, and Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	2/5/2019	Approved
Cardiac rehabilitation (CR) is a physician-supervised program that furnishes physician prescribed exercise; cardiac risk factor modification, including education, counseling, and behavioral intervention; psychosocial assessment; and outcomes assessment. Medical Documentation will be reviewed to determine if cardiac rehabilitation (CR) is a physician-supervised program that furnishes physician prescribed exercise; cardiac risk factor modification, including education, counseling, and behavioral intervention; psychosocial assessment; and outcomes assessment.	0135 - Cardiac Rehabilitation: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	3/7/2019	Approved
Cardiac rehabilitation (CR) is a physician-supervised program that furnishes physician prescribed exercise; cardiac risk factor modification, including education, counseling, and behavioral intervention; psychosocial assessment; and outcomes assessment.	0135 - Cardiac Rehabilitation: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	3/7/2019	Approved
Radiologic examinations of the chest are performed in many outpatient offices (radiology and many others), clinics, outpatient hospital departments, inpatient hospital episodes, skilled nursing facilities, homes, and other settings. They can be used for many purposes: diagnosis, cardiac disease, infection, and inflammation.	0136 - Radiologic Examination of the Chest: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	4/15/2019	Approved
Radiologic examinations of the chest are performed in many outpatient offices (radiology and many others), clinics, outpatient hospital departments, inpatient hospital episodes, skilled nursing facilities, homes, and other settings. They can be used for many purposes: diagnosis, cardiac disease, infection, and inflammation.	0136 - Radiologic Examination of the Chest: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	4/15/2019	Approved
Physical therapy, speech language pathology services, and occupational therapy are bundled into the SNF's global per diem payment for a resident's covered Part A stay. They are also subject to the SNF "Part B" consolidated billing requirement for services furnished to SNF Part B residents.	0138 - Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing for Therapies: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner); Physical Therapist; Occupational Therapist; Speech Language Pathologist	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations,	Automated	2/20/2019	Approved
Physical therapy, speech language pathology services, and occupational therapy are bundled into the SNF's global per diem payment for a resident's covered Part A stay. They are also subject to the SNF "Part B" consolidated billing requirement for services furnished to SNF Part B residents.	0138 - Skilled Nursing Facility Consolidated Billing for Therapies: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner); Physical Therapist; Occupational Therapist; Speech Language Pathologist	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer	Automated	2/20/2019	Approved
Vertebroplasty and kyphoplasty will be reviewed for medical necessity whether billed as an initial procedure, a repeat procedure (beyond once in a lifetime) or if performed at more than one vertebral level. Services that were not medically reasonable and necessary will be denied and will result in an overpayment.	0139 - Vertebroplasty or Kyphoplasty: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital, Ambulatory Surgery Center, and Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e) - Payment of Benefits; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1834 - Special Payment Rules for Particular Items and Services; 3. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section	Complex	2/20/2019	Approved
Vertebroplasty and kyphoplasty will be reviewed for medical necessity whether billed as an initial procedure, a repeat procedure (beyond once in a lifetime) or if performed at more than one vertebral level. Services that were not medically reasonable and necessary will be denied and will result in an overpayment.	0139 - Vertebroplasty or Kyphoplasty: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital, Ambulatory Surgery Center, and Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e) - Payment of Benefits; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1834 - Special Payment Rules for Particular Items and Services; 3. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section	Complex	2/20/2019	Approved

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Pulmonary rehabilitation is a physician-supervised program for COPD and certain other chronic respiratory diseases designed to optimize physical and social performance and autonomy. Medical Documentation will be reviewed to determine if pulmonary rehabilitation is medically reasonable and necessary.	0140 - Pulmonary Rehabilitation: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital and Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. Social Security Act (SSA) §§1861 (s)(2)(CC) - Medical and Other Health	Complex	3/27/2019	Approved
Pulmonary rehabilitation is a physician-supervised program for COPD and certain other chronic respiratory diseases designed to optimize physical and social performance and autonomy. Medical Documentation will be reviewed to determine if pulmonary rehabilitation is medically reasonable and necessary.	0140 - Pulmonary Rehabilitation: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital and Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	3/27/2019	Approved
Services provided by a freestanding non-hospital ASC (Ambulatory Surgery Center) are included under the SNF Consolidated Billing Provisions. Certain services are not payable because they are included in SNF Consolidated Billing. Codes found in the SNF Consolidated Billing Part A MAC Updates are overpayments and will be recovered.	0142 - Ambulatory Surgical Center Services Billed During a Covered Part A Skilled Nursing Facility Stay: Unbundling	Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC), Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations,	Automated	4/2/2019	Approved
Services provided by a freestanding non-hospital ASC (Ambulatory Surgery Center) are included under the SNF Consolidated Billing Provisions. Certain services are not payable because they are included in SNF Consolidated Billing. Codes found in the SNF Consolidated Billing Part A MAC Updates are overpayments and will be recovered.	0142 - Ambulatory Surgical Center Services Billed During a Covered Part A Skilled Nursing Facility Stay: Unbundling	Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC), Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer	Automated	4/2/2019	Approved
When a more extensive CT Scan is performed on the same site as a less extensive CT Scan, the less extensive CT Scan is bundled into the more extensive CT Scan. The less extensive CT scan code(s) will be recovered as an overpayment.	0146 - Computed Tomography Scans: Excessive Units	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner); Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 Code of Federal Regulations §405.980- Reopening of Initial	Automated	3/27/2019	Approved
When a more extensive CT Scan is performed on the same site as a less extensive CT Scan, the less extensive CT Scan is bundled into the more extensive CT Scan. The less extensive CT scan code(s) will be recovered as an overpayment.	0146 - Computed Tomography Scans: Excessive Units	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner); Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 Code of Federal Regulations §405.980- Reopening of Initial	Automated	3/27/2019	Approved
When a more extensive Magnetic Resonance Imaging is performed on the same site as a less extensive MRI, the less extensive MRI is bundled into the more extensive MRI. The less extensive MRI procedure code(s) will be recovered as an overpayment.	0147 - Magnetic Resonance Imaging Procedures: Excessive Units	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner); Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 Code of Federal Regulations §405.980- Reopening of Initial	Automated	3/29/2019	Approved
When a more extensive Magnetic Resonance Imaging is performed on the same site as a less extensive MRI, the less extensive MRI is bundled into the more extensive MRI. The less extensive MRI procedure code(s) will be recovered as an overpayment.	0147 - Magnetic Resonance Imaging Procedures: Excessive Units	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner); Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 Code of Federal Regulations §405.980- Reopening of Initial	Automated	3/29/2019	Approved
Per Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 12, Section 30.6.9.2 (C), CMS does not reimburse both a subsequent hospital visit in addition to hospital discharge day management service on the same day by the same physician. CPT code 90232, 90233 will be recovered as an overpayment.	0149 - Subsequent Hospital Visit and Discharge Day Management on the Same Day: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner); exclude non-physician practitioner codes 50 (NP) and 97 (MA)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	4/22/2019	Approved
Per Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 12, Section 30.6.9.2 (C), CMS does not reimburse both a subsequent hospital visit in addition to hospital discharge day management service on the same day by the same physician. CPT code 90232, 90233 will be recovered as an overpayment.	0149 - Subsequent Hospital Visit and Discharge Day Management on the Same Day: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner); exclude non-physician practitioner codes 50 (NP) and 97 (MA)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Automated	4/22/2019	Approved
Mohs Micrographic Surgery is a two-step process in which 1) the tumor is removed in stages, followed by immediate histologic evaluation of the margins of the specimen(s); and 2) Additional excision and evaluation is performed until all margins are clear. This review will verify that the physician who performs the	0150 - Mohs Micrographic Surgery: Incorrect Coding and Incorrect Units Billed	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Complex	4/30/2019	Approved
Mohs Micrographic Surgery is a two-step process in which 1) the tumor is removed in stages, followed by immediate histologic evaluation of the margins of the specimen(s); and 2) Additional excision and evaluation is performed until all margins are clear. This review will verify that the physician who performs the	0150 - Mohs Micrographic Surgery: Incorrect Coding and Incorrect Units Billed	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	4/30/2019	Approved
The Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) is the primary method of payment for enrolled health care professionals. Documentation will be reviewed to determine if professional services that affecting MPFS payment meet Medicare coverage criteria and applicable coding guidelines.	0151 - Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner Coding Validation	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Complex	4/24/2019	Approved
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Ambulatory Surgical Center coding requires that procedural information, as coded and reported by the hospital on its claim, match both the attending physician description and the information contained in the beneficiary's medical record.	0153 - Ambulatory Surgical Center Coding Validation	Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to Respond to Additional Documentation Request; 5. 42	Complex	5/28/2019	Approved
Ambulatory Surgical Center coding requires that procedural information, as coded and reported by the hospital on its claim, match both the attending physician description and the information contained in the beneficiary's medical record. Reviewers will validate the CPT/HCPCS coding and associated modifiers by	0153 - Ambulatory Surgical Center Coding Validation	Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to Respond to Additional Documentation Request; 5. 42	Complex	5/28/2019	Approved
Medicare pays for non-emergency ambulance services when a beneficiary's medical condition at the time of transport is such that other means of transportation are contraindicated (i.e. would endanger the beneficiary). The beneficiary's condition must require the ambulance transportation itself and the	0154 - Non-Emergency Ambulance Services: Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Ambulance Providers	3 years prior to ADR Letter date as well as state/date exclusions: 1. Exclude NJ, PA, SC, DE, DC, MD, NC, WV, and VA	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and	Complex	5/22/2019	Approved
Medicare pays for non-emergency ambulance services when a beneficiary's medical condition at the time of transport is such that other means of transportation are contraindicated (i.e. would endanger the beneficiary). The beneficiary's condition must require the ambulance transportation itself and the	0154 - Non-Emergency Ambulance Services: Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Ambulance Providers	3 years prior to ADR Letter date as well as state/date exclusions: 1. Exclude NJ, PA, SC, DE, DC, MD, NC, WV, and VA	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits.	Complex	5/22/2019	Approved
Modifiers provide a way for hospitals to report and be paid for expenses incurred in preparing a patient for surgery and scheduling a room for performing the procedure where the service is subsequently discontinued. This instruction is applicable to both outpatient hospital departments and ambulatory surgical	0157 - Discontinued Procedure Prior to the Administration of Anesthesia: Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital; Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Complex	6/28/2019	Approved
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On claims submitted by providers using the institutional claim format, LWF enforces consolidated billing for outpatient therapies by recognizing as therapies all services billed under revenue codes 042x, 043x, 044x. Therapy services billed separately during home health visits of non will be recognized as the services	0158 - Outpatient Therapy Services During Home Health: Unbundling	Outpatient Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Outpatient Hospital, Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	7/15/2019	Approved
On claims submitted by providers using the institutional claim format, LWF enforces consolidated billing for outpatient therapies by recognizing as therapies all services billed under revenue codes 042x, 043x, 044x. Therapy services billed separately during home health visits of non will be recognized as the services	0158 - Outpatient Therapy Services During Home Health: Unbundling	Outpatient Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Outpatient Hospital, Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	7/15/2019	Approved
Medical documentation will be reviewed to determine if the use of intravenous immune globulin for the treatment of Autoimmune Blistering Diseases (AMBDs) meets Medicare coverage criteria and is reasonable and necessary. Services that are not medically necessary will result in an overpayment.	0160 - Intravenous Immune Globulin for the Treatment of Autoimmune Blistering Diseases: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital; Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC); Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Complex	8/20/2019	Approved

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Medical documentation will be reviewed to determine if the use of intravenous immune globulin for the treatment of Autoimmune Blistering Diseases (AMBDs) meets Medicare coverage criteria and is reasonable and necessary. Services that are not medically necessary will result in an overpayment.	0160 - Intravenous Immune Globulin for the Treatment of Autoimmune Blistering Diseases: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital; Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC); Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	8/20/2019	Approved
Documentation will be reviewed to determine if correct billing, coding, and documentation guidelines for Therapeutic, Prophylactic, and Diagnostic Infusions were met.	0161 - Therapeutic, Prophylactic, and Diagnostic Infusions: Incorrect Coding and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Complex	11/18/2019	Approved
Documentation will be reviewed to determine if correct billing, coding, and documentation guidelines for Therapeutic, Prophylactic, and Diagnostic Infusions were met.	0161 - Therapeutic, Prophylactic, and Diagnostic Infusions: Incorrect Coding and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	11/18/2019	Approved
A Bilateral Indicator of '3' indicates the usual payment adjustment for bilateral procedures does not apply. If the procedure is reported with either a modifier 50 or modifiers RT and LT, and a '2' in the units field, reimbursement is based on 100% of the Medicare allowed amount for each side for an applicable multiple.	0164 - Bilateral Indicator '3': Incorrect Coding	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial	Automated	9/24/2019	Approved
A Bilateral Indicator of '3' indicates the usual payment adjustment for bilateral procedures does not apply. If the procedure is reported with either a modifier 50 or modifiers RT and LT, and a '2' in the units field, reimbursement is based on 100% of the Medicare allowed amount for each side for an applicable multiple.	0164 - Bilateral Indicator '3': Incorrect Coding	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Automated	9/24/2019	Approved
Under specific requirements, Medicare covers FDG (Fluorodeoxyglucose) Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scans for the differential diagnosis of fronto-temporal dementia (FTD) and Alzheimer's disease (AD). Medical records will be reviewed to determine if the utilization of FDG scans for the differential diagnosis was appropriate.	0165 - Positron Emission Tomography for Dementia and Neurodegenerative Diseases: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital; Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Complex	9/25/2019	Approved
Under specific requirements, Medicare covers FDG (Fluorodeoxyglucose) Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scans for the differential diagnosis of fronto-temporal dementia (FTD) and Alzheimer's disease (AD). Medical records will be reviewed to determine if the utilization of FDG scans for the differential diagnosis was appropriate.	0165 - Positron Emission Tomography for Dementia and Neurodegenerative Diseases: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital; Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Complex	9/25/2019	Approved
All diagnostic (including clinical diagnostic laboratory tests) services and related non-diagnostic services provided to a beneficiary by the admitting hospital within 3 days (for IPPS Hospitals) prior to or 1 day (NON IPPS Hospitals) prior to and including the date of the beneficiary's admission are deemed to be a single admission.	0169 - Outpatient Services within 3 Days Prior to and Including the Date of a Hospital Admission: Unbundling	Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	11/27/2019	Approved
All diagnostic (including clinical diagnostic laboratory tests) services and related non-diagnostic services provided to a beneficiary by the admitting hospital within 3 days (for IPPS Hospitals) prior to or 1 day (NON IPPS Hospitals) prior to and including the date of the beneficiary's admission are deemed to be a single admission.	0169 - Outpatient Services within 3 Days Prior to and Including the Date of a Hospital Admission: Unbundling	Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Automated	11/27/2019	Approved
Documentation will be reviewed to determine if diagnostic (aka stand-alone) renal and peripheral angiography procedures meet Medicare coverage criteria, meet applicable coding guidelines, and/or are medically reasonable and necessary.	0170 - Renal and Peripheral Angiography: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital; Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC); Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	11/19/2019	Approved
Documentation will be reviewed to determine if diagnostic (aka stand-alone) renal and peripheral angiography procedures meet Medicare coverage criteria, meet applicable coding guidelines, and/or are medically reasonable and necessary.	0170 - Renal and Peripheral Angiography: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital; Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC); Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	11/19/2019	Approved
Erythropoiesis stimulating agents (ESAs) stimulate the bone marrow to make more red blood cells and are United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved for use in reducing the need for blood transfusion in patients with specific clinical indications. Medical records will be reviewed to determine if the use of ESAs is medically reasonable and necessary.	0171 - Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents for Cancer Patients: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner); Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Complex	12/27/2019	Approved
Erythropoiesis stimulating agents (ESAs) stimulate the bone marrow to make more red blood cells and are United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved for use in reducing the need for blood transfusion in patients with specific clinical indications. Medical records will be reviewed to determine if the use of ESAs is medically reasonable and necessary.	0171 - Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents for Cancer Patients: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner); Outpatient Hospital	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	12/27/2019	Approved
Claims for HCPCS code G0402-Initial Preventative Physical Examination (IPPE) may not be billed more than 12 months after the effective date of the beneficiary's first part B coverage, or more than once in a lifetime.	0176 - Annual Wellness Visits: Incorrect Coding	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1861 (s)(2)(FF)- Medical and other health services- personalized prevention plan services; 3. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	1/23/2020	Approved
Claims for HCPCS code G0402-Initial Preventative Physical Examination (IPPE) may not be billed more than 12 months after the effective date of the beneficiary's first part B coverage, or more than once in a lifetime.	0176 - Annual Wellness Visits: Incorrect Coding	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1861 (s)(2)(W)- an initial preventive	Complex	1/23/2020	Approved
CPT Codes with a Multiple Procedure Indicator of '6' are subject to a 25% reduction of the Technical Component (TC) when multiple procedures are billed on the same date of service, for the same patient, by the same physician, on the same claim. Claims incorrectly processed will be re-coded with the 75% reduction.	0182 - Reduction of Technical Component Diagnostic Cardiovascular Services	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations, Reconsiderations, Decisions, and Reviews, (b)-	Automated	8/3/2020	Approved
CPT Codes with a Multiple Procedure Indicator of '6' are subject to a 25% reduction of the Technical Component (TC) when multiple procedures are billed on the same date of service, for the same patient, by the same physician, on the same claim. Claims incorrectly processed will be re-coded with the 75% reduction.	0182 - Reduction of Technical Component Diagnostic Cardiovascular Services	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Automated	8/3/2020	Approved
Specialty care transport (SCT) is the interfacility transportation of a critically injured or ill beneficiary by a ground ambulance vehicle, including the provision of medically necessary supplies and services, at a level of service beyond the scope of the EMT Paramedic. SCT is necessary when a beneficiary's condition requires	0183 - Specialty Care Transport: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Ambulance Providers	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1861 (s)(2)(FF)- Medical and other health services- personalized prevention plan services	Complex	8/3/2020	Approved
Specialty care transport (SCT) is the interfacility transportation of a critically injured or ill beneficiary by a ground ambulance vehicle, including the provision of medically necessary supplies and services, at a level of service beyond the scope of the EMT Paramedic. SCT is necessary when a beneficiary's condition requires	0183 - Specialty Care Transport: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Ambulance Providers	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	8/3/2020	Approved
For EMT Paramedic SCT is necessary when a beneficiary's condition requires referred to as a joint replacement, have proven to be an important medical advancement. Hip Arthroplasty surgery is most commonly performed for diseases which affect the function of the hip joint (the lower end of the femur, the upper end of the tibia).	0184 - Total Hip Arthroplasty: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Inpatient Hospital, Outpatient Hospital, Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations, Reconsiderations, Decisions, and Reviews, (b)-	Complex	8/3/2020	Approved
For purposes of coverage under Medicare, Total Hip Arthroplasty (THA), also referred to as a joint replacement, have proven to be an important medical advancement. Hip Arthroplasty surgery is most commonly performed for diseases which affect the function of the hip joint (the lower end of the femur, the upper end of the tibia).	0184 - Total Hip Arthroplasty: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Inpatient Hospital, Outpatient Hospital, Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	8/3/2020	Approved
For purposes of coverage under Medicare, Total Knee Arthroplasty (TKA), also referred to as a joint replacement, has proven to be an important medical advancement. Knee Arthroplasty is most commonly performed for diseases which affect the function of the knee joint (the lower end of the femur, the upper end of the tibia).	0185 - Total Knee Arthroplasty: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Inpatient Hospital, Outpatient Hospital, Ambulatory Surgical Center, Professional Services (Physician/Non-physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations, Reconsiderations, Decisions, and Reviews, (b)-	Complex	8/3/2020	Approved
For purposes of coverage under Medicare, Total Knee Arthroplasty (TKA), also referred to as a joint replacement, has proven to be an important medical advancement. Knee Arthroplasty is most commonly performed for diseases which affect the function of the knee joint (the lower end of the femur, the upper end of the tibia).	0185 - Total Knee Arthroplasty: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Inpatient Hospital, Outpatient Hospital, Ambulatory Surgical Center, Professional Services (Physician/Non-physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	8/3/2020	Approved

Description	Issue Name	Claim Type	Date of Service	Regions and States	1967	Issue Type	Date Approved	Approval Status
Effective for services performed on or after March 16, 2018, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has determined that Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) as a diagnostic laboratory test is reasonable and necessary and covered nationally when performed in a Clinical Laboratory Improvement	0205 - Next Generation Sequencing: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Laboratory Services	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	5/29/2021	Approved
Fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG) Positron Emission Tomography (PET) is covered only in clinical situations in which PET results may assist in avoiding an invasive diagnostic procedure, or in which the PET results may assist in determining the optimal	0206 - Positron Emission Tomography for Initial Treatment Strategy in Oncologic Conditions: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Hospital Outpatient, Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII - Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A) - Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII - Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e) - Payment of Benefit; 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review; 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to	Complex	5/29/2021	Approved
Hydrodeoxyglucose (FDG) Positron Emission Tomography (PET) is covered only in clinical situations in which PET results may assist in avoiding an invasive diagnostic procedure, or in which the PET results may assist in determining the optimal	0206 - Positron Emission Tomography for Initial Treatment Strategy in Oncologic Conditions: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Hospital Outpatient, Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII - Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A) - Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII - Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e) - Payment of Benefit	Complex	5/29/2021	Approved
Hypoglossal nerve stimulation (HNS) is reasonable and necessary for the treatment of moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) when coverage criteria are met. Documentation will be reviewed to determine if HNS meets	0210 - Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation for Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital; Ambulatory Surgical Center; Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioners)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	2 – all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, §1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer; 2. SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, §1833(e)- Payment of Benefits; 3. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations, Reconsiderations, Decisions, and Reviews,	Complex	6/29/2022	Approved
Hypoglossal nerve stimulation (HNS) is reasonable and necessary for the treatment of moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) when coverage criteria are met. Documentation will be reviewed to determine if HNS meets	0210 - Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation for Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital; Ambulatory Surgical Center; Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioners)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, §1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.SSA, Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, §1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	6/29/2022	Approved
Per the 2019 and 2020 AMA CPT manuals, do not report CPT codes 99358 and/or 99359 during the same calendar month as CPT codes 99484, 99487, 99489, 99490, 99491, 99492, 99493, 99494.	0211 - Prolonged Service Codes: Unbundling	Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioners)	3 years prior to the Informational Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Automated	1/26/2023	Approved
Documentation will be reviewed to determine whether Transurethral waterjet ablation services met Medicare coverage criteria and were reasonable and necessary.	0214 - Transurethral Waterjet Ablation of the Prostate for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH) with Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms (LUTS): Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital, Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC), and Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	3 years prior to ADR Letter date	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits 3.42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review 4.42 CFR §405.930- Failure to Respond to Additional Documentation Request	Complex	4/26/2023	Approved
Documentation will be reviewed to determine if CPT Code 15734 warranted separate reimbursement given that a flap is considered inclusive to breast reconstruction (19357-19364, 19367-19369) or breast prosthesis (19340, 19342). Documentation will be reviewed to support a that the flap (15734) was performed at a different session, different procedure or surgery, different site or organ system, separate incision/excision, separate lesion, or separate injury not	0217 - Muscle Flap with Breast Reconstruction or Breast Prosthesis Insertion: Unbundling	Physician/Non-physician Practitioner (NPP)	3 years prior to ADR letter date	3 - all applicable states	1. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2. Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits 3. 42 CFR §405.929- Post-Payment Review 4. 42 CFR §405.930- Failure to Respond to Additional Documentation Request 5. 42 CFR §405.980- Reopening of Initial Determinations, Redeterminations, Reconsiderations, Decisions, and Reviews, (b)-	Complex	6/6/2023	Approved
Documentation will be reviewed to determine whether minimally invasive surgical fusion of the sacroiliac joint met Medicare coverage criteria and was reasonable and necessary.	0219 - Minimally-Invasive Surgical (MIS) Fusion of the Sacroiliac Joint: Medical Necessity and Documentation Requirements	Outpatient Hospital, Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC), and Professional Services (Physician/Non-Physician Practitioner)	Claims having a "paid claim date" which is less than 3 years prior to the ADR letter date. JJ and JM are limited to DOS on/after 7/17/2022.	3 – all applicable states	1.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1862(a)(1)(A)- Exclusions from Coverage and Medicare as a Secondary Payer 2.Social Security Act (SSA), Title XVIII- Health Insurance for the Aged and Disabled, Section 1833(e)- Payment of Benefits	Complex	6/6/2023	Approved