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Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN) Form Expiring 01/31/2026

The current ABN Form CMS R 131 is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2026. CMS is actively developing the updated version of the form. Once the new ABN form is finalized, CMS and Noridian will announce its release on their websites, along with any related implementation guidance. Providers should continue using the existing ABN form until further instructions are issued. Please monitor both [CMS BNI](#) and [Noridian ABN](#) websites for updates.

Alert: Fraudulent Correspondence Targeting Medicare Providers

Noridian has been made aware of fraudulent letters being sent to providers. These notices instruct providers to fax sensitive information that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) already has on file. **Please be advised that these letters are not legitimate.**

CMS has been notified of this activity and is working to address the situation. To help protect your practice and patient data, please review the following commonly found in these fraudulent correspondences:

- **Generic Sender Information:** The letter lists only "CMS" without an individual name or department. Legitimate CMS communications typically include specific contact details.
- **Incorrect Return Number:** The return number provided is 1-800-MEDICARE, which is intended for beneficiary inquiries, not provider communications.
- **Unnecessary Requests for Existing Information:** Medicare already has your enrollment details. CMS does not request providers to re-submit this information via fax.
- **Urgent or Threatening Language:** Fraudulent letters often create a false sense of urgency to pressure providers into compliance.

If you receive any correspondence requesting sensitive information, verify its authenticity before responding. Contact Noridian or CMS directly using official contact channels. Do **not** use phone numbers or fax numbers provided in suspicious letters.

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CMS Releases Updated Advance Beneficiary Notice of Non-coverage (ABN)

On March 13, 2026, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the control number for the Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN), Form CMS-R-131.

The newly updated ABN is effective immediately and is valid through March 31, 2029. Providers may continue to use the expired version of the ABN until May 12, 2026, but must fully transition to the OMB approved form no later than that date.

ABNs are issued to Original Medicare (fee for service) beneficiaries when it is believed Medicare is likely to deny payment for an item or service, for example, when coverage criteria may not be met or frequency limits may apply. Proper use of the ABN helps ensure beneficiaries understand potential financial liability and allows providers to shift liability appropriately when Medicare denies the claim.

Key Reminders

- Only the official CMS R 131 ABN may be used; expired versions must be replaced by May 12, 2026.
- The ABN applies to Original Medicare and should not be used for Medicare Advantage (Part C) or Part D items and services.
- The ABN must be provided before the item is furnished and far enough in advance for the beneficiary to make an informed decision.

The updated ABN, instructions, and alternative formats (including large print and Spanish versions) are available on the [CMS FFS ABN](#) webpage. Providers should review internal processes, update forms, and educate staff to ensure timely compliance with the newly updated ABN.

Correct Use of Laterality Modifiers

Correct use of laterality modifiers supports clear and accurate reporting when a procedure is performed on the right side, left side, or on both sides of the body. CMS guidance indicates that these modifiers should be applied when appropriate. Modifiers include:

- RT appended when procedures performed on the right side
- LT appended when procedures performed on the left side
- 50 appended when procedure is performed bilaterally

Additional anatomic modifiers are available for:

- Eye lids - E1-E4
- Fingers - F1-F9, FA

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- Toes - T1-T9, TA
- Coronary arteries - LC, LD, LM, RC, RI

CMS Guidance

According to the [CMS Internet Only Manual \(IOM\), Publication 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 4, Section 20.6.3](#), modifiers LT and RT apply to codes that identify procedures that can be performed on paired organs, such as, ears, eyes, nostrils, kidneys, lungs, and ovaries. These modifiers should be used whenever a procedure is performed on only one side. When a procedure is performed bilaterally, the appropriate bilateral modifier should be appended.

Bilateral procedure modifier 50 is used to report bilateral procedures that are performed on both sides of the body at the same operative session (may not be paired organs). Do not report modifiers RT and LT when modifier 50 applies. Only submit one line item to report a bilateral procedure using modifier 50 and one unit of service.

Example: major joint injection performed in right shoulder and left knee. CPT code 20610 is performed on both sides of the body, modifier 50 would apply.

NCCI Guidance

The [National Correct Coding Initiative \(NCCI\) Policy Manual, Chapter 1](#), also provides direction on the proper use of anatomic modifiers. Some CPT codes limit the number of times a procedure may be reported. In these cases, laterality modifiers supply essential information by indicating which side of a paired organ or structure was treated, ensuring accurate claim processing and compliance with coding guidelines.

Modifier guidance is available on Noridian's Browse by Topic, Modifiers webpage.

Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Method II Billing and Reassignments

The reimbursement team has recently seen an increase in questions regarding Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Method II claims that are Returning to Provider (RTP). If your organization is experiencing RTP claims under Method II, please ensure that all practitioner reassignments have been properly completed in [the Medicare Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System \(PECOS\)](#).

Effective July 1, 2025, all practitioners, whether employed or contracted, who are billed under Method II must formally reassign their billing rights to the CAH's Tax ID. Each practitioner must have a completed [CMS 855I \(Medicare Enrollment Application - Physicians and Non Physician Practitioners\)](#) on file, and the reassignment must be recorded in PECOS.

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Beginning January 2, 2026, CMS will RTP or deny claims if the practitioner reassignment is not correctly documented in PECOS. Additionally, the CAH must maintain an attestation for each practitioner confirming that they will not bill the MAC separately for services rendered at the facility while the reassignment remains active.

Resources:

- [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Connects Newsletter for August 21, 2025](#)

Ensuring Medical Necessity: Documentation Best Practices for Facet Injections

Proper documentation is essential to demonstrate the medical necessity of facet injections and ensure compliance with Medicare guidelines. Providers are expected to maintain records that clearly reflect the need for the care and services provided.

Noridian offers a [Facet Injection Documentation Checklist](#) to help streamline this process. While the list is not all-inclusive, it highlights key elements that should be included in the patient's medical record. Submitting complete and accurate documentation helps prevent delays and supports appropriate reimbursement.

Examples of records that may be required include:

- Practitioner progress notes supporting at least three months of moderate to severe pain
- Operative/procedure report
- Pre-procedure conservative measures/treatments
- Medication Administration Record (MAR) and/or infusion flowsheet documenting quantity administered including dose, route, and frequency given

Friendlier, Clearer Account Activity Reminders for NMP

We've refreshed our account activity warning emails to make them clearer and easier to act on. The 20-day notice has been removed, and instead users will receive two friendly reminders - on days 25 and 29 - before an account is disabled on day 30 if there's no login on the Noridian Medicare Portal (NMP). This approach provides more supportive guidance for users.

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Hospital-Specific Amount (HSP) Updates and FISS Reprocessing Notice

The Noridian Audit and Reimbursement teams have recently seen an increase in questions regarding the updated hospital specific amounts in the Provider Specific File (PSF) for Sole Community Hospitals (SCHs) and the Medicare-Dependent, Small Rural Hospital (MDH) Program, specifically the Hospital Specific (HSP) amounts.

While the MDH program is set to expire under current law as of October 1, 2025, CMS has instructed MACs to update the HSP rates so that SCH and MDH rates in the PSF remain uniformly updated.

Please note: HSP calculations were corrected in Noridian's system as of January 19, 2026. Any affected inpatient claims will automatically reprocess in the Fiscal Intermediary Standard System (FISS) system within 60 days with an effective date of October 1, 2025.

Resources

- [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Matters 14203 - Inpatient & Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment Systems: FY 2026 Changes](#)
- [CMS Change Request \(CR\) 14203](#)

Information for Critical Access Hospitals - Revised

CMS [MLN006400](#) includes the following changes:

- Information on:
 - Rural reclassification status
 - Interoperability measures that start January 1, 2026
 - Transforming Episode Accountability Model skilled nursing facility 3-day rule waiver
- A new resource link for the latest telehealth information
- Specific dates for implementing the new conditions of participation for emergency readiness and obstetrical services

Source: CMS [MLN Connects](#) dated January 15, 2026

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Intravenous Immune Globulin Items & Services (IVIGs)

Have you checked out the recently updated IVIG information? It now includes the 2026 payment rate of \$442.19 for HCPCS Q2052 (home IVIG services and supplies).

Reminder that if you're billing for multiple administrations of IVIG on a single claim:

- Bill Q code for each infusion date of service on a separate claim line (paid per visit)
- Only 1 unit of Q2052 paid per infusion date of service; however, report infusion visit length in 15-minute increments (15 minutes = 1 unit)
- Read fact sheet table on page 4 for rounding of units

Read more: [CMS IVIG MLN 3191598 Booklet-February 2026](#)

Introducing the Noridian Educational Experience (NEE)

Noridian is excited to announce the migration and refresh of all educational content from YouTube to the [Noridian Educational Experience \(NEE\)](#) platform, a modern solution designed to elevate provider and supplier education. This transition marks a significant step toward delivering a streamlined, user-friendly experience for healthcare professionals seeking self-paced learning opportunities.

The NEE platform offers a comprehensive suite of training modules tailored to support ongoing learning and professional development. With an intuitive interface and flexible access, providers and suppliers can engage with a variety of courses and structured curriculums at their own pace. Many of these courses are eligible for Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits, ensuring that participants not only gain valuable knowledge but also meet professional certification requirements.

By centralizing educational resources into one modern platform, Noridian aims to enhance accessibility, improve learning outcomes, and empower providers and suppliers with tools for success in an ever-evolving healthcare landscape.

Materials Available from the January 14 National Ambulance Coalition Meeting

The presentation from the January 14, 2026, National AB MAC Ambulance Provider/Supplier Coalition Meeting has been posted as a PDF to the Noridian website. The PDF handout contains information about ambulance documentation and medical necessity requirements as well as contact information for each of the MACs present. You

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can find the materials in the Educational Resources section of the [Ambulance homepage](#).

New Email Submission Guidelines for Audit and Reimbursement Requests

A new [Email Submission Guidelines for Audit and Reimbursement Requests](#) webpage has been launched to improve efficiency and support timely processing of specific Audit and Reimbursement requests. The page outlines required email submission guidelines, ensuring that all requests are properly routed and handled.

This page provides:

- The correct email addresses for each submission type
- Subject line formatting requirements
- Examples for proper formatting

Submission types covered include:

- 2nd Interim Rate Review (IRR)
- Initial Periodic Interim Payment (PIP)
- 2nd Periodic Interim Payment (PIP)
- Provider Statistical & Reimbursement (PS&R) requests

Following these guidelines helps ensure accurate routing and prompt processing of all related submissions.

All providers are encouraged to review and update internal processes to align with these requirements. Additional submission types and instructions will be added over time, so regular review of the page is recommended.

Noridian Medicare Portal Refund Check Number Lookup Tool Enhancement

Noridian is happy to announce that on January 26, 2026, a new enhancement to the Noridian Medicare Portal (NMP) was implemented that now allows providers to verify how a check they sent to Noridian was applied. This new function is available on NMP's financial tab, and includes the following:

- Date check was received
- Status of the check
- How much of the check was applied to debts
- What debts, if any, the check has been applied to

Now that this new tool is available, Noridian highly encourages its usage as it will reduce your time. Effective March 2, 2026, Noridian customer service representatives

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will no longer provide information about refund checks that can be located on the Noridian Medicare Portal.

Resources

- Noridian Medicare Portal User Manual

Noridian Removes Skin Substitute Draft Policy

Effective January 1, 2026, CMS **removed** the draft Local Coverage Determination (LCD) policy *“Skin Substitute Grafts/Cellular and Tissue-Based Products for the Treatment of Diabetic Foot Ulcers and Venous Leg Ulcers”*.

Skin substitutes will not be identified on the prior authorization lists. This affects the voluntary prior authorization program “Wasteful and Inappropriate Service Reduction (WISeR)” model for the Noridian states of **Arizona** and **Washington**.

Final CY2026 single payment rate for skin substitute products is approximately \$127.28.

Reminder: JW and JZ modifiers are not appropriate for billing incident-to supplies starting January 1, 2026 to Medicare:

- Provider administers entire non-biologic license application (BLA) skin substitute from package or container (with no units discarded); JZ modifier not appropriate
- Provider administers **portion** of non-BLA skin substitute from package or container (portion discarded); only bill units administered
- Not appropriate to bill Medicare for discarded non-BLA skin substitute units under **any** circumstance with JW modifier

Noridian’s Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO) Therapy Documentation Checklist

Noridian provides a comprehensive checklist to help providers meet documentation requirements for Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO) therapy. This resource outlines the essential records needed to support the medical necessity and appropriateness of services rendered. By following the checklist, providers can ensure complete and accurate submissions, reduce delays and improve compliance with Medicare guidelines.

- [HBO Documentation Requirements](#)

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Prior Authorization (PA) Lookup Tool Updated

Noridian is pleased to share that the CMS WISeR program CPT codes have been added to our “Prior Authorization Lookup Tool.” In addition, all PA programs are now clearly reflected in the tool’s reply results.

When providers or facilities search CPTs or HCPCS codes, the tool identifies whether a PA program applies and specifies which program is involved. Examples from each available PA program, as well as a sample result for codes that do not require prior authorization, are included below.

WISeR

- WISeR Model participation is voluntary. AZ/WA providers may request prior authorization or prepay review for this HCPC 29877.

ASC

- A prior authorization is needed for AZ/CA ASC providers for 15820.

AMBULANCE-RSNAT

- A prior authorization is needed for Repetitive, Scheduled Non-Emergent Ambulance Transport (RSNAT) service code A0428.

HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT (OPD)

- A prior authorization is needed for Part A Outpatient Department providers for 30520.

CODES NOT INVOLVED with PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

- No prior authorization is necessary for 99212.

PS&R Summary Reports Now Available via Medicare Cost Report E-Filing System (MCReF)

Effective May 13, 2025, a new functionality was added to the Medicare Cost Report E-Filing system (MCReF) that allows Medicare Part A providers with the option to access their PS&R summary reports via one-click download for all of its eligible providers/subproviders and eligible fiscal years. The PS&R summary reports will have most of the splits required for cost report submissions and be available in a vendor-ready format. The goal of this new functionality is to make acquiring PS&R summary

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reports easier (one-click, rather than the current multi-screen flow for custom requests in the PS&R system) and to provide faster access (immediate download, no queue/inbox).

Detailed information on this new functionality is located in the [MCR eF User Manual](#) located on the CMS website.

CMS hosted a live Medicare Cost Report E-Filing Webinar on March 19, 2025, to introduce the new functionality to download PS&R summary reports in MCR eF to the provider and MAC community. The recording of the [Medicare Cost Report E-Filing Webinar](#) can be reviewed on the CMS website.

Note: Before using PS&R One-Click Summary Reports, providers should confirm that the default PS&R splits meet their cost report filing needs. If the defaults described do not meet providers' needs for a particular use case, they can continue to request tailored PS&R reports directly in the PS&R system.

e-Filing tips for accelerating CR Processing:

- Use MCR eF
 - e-Sign through the ECR software
 - Categorize files appropriately
 - Submit Medicare cost report exhibits using the optional electronic specifications/templates
 - Provides upfront, live notice of potential issues with your exhibits (which, if addressed, minimizes back-and-forth with your MAC)
 - Accelerates cost report acceptance and tentative settlement (with the potential for instant acceptance)
 - Pay attention to warnings

Surgical Dressings: Prevent Claim Denials

In 2024, the improper payment rate for surgical dressings was 57.6%, with a projected improper payment amount of \$177M (see [2024 Medicare Fee-for-Service Supplemental Improper Payment Data \(PDF\)](#)). Learn how to bill correctly for these services. Review the [Surgical Dressings](#) provider compliance tip for more information, including:

- Billing codes
- Denial reasons and how to prevent them
- Refill and documentation requirements
- Example of improper payments due to insufficient documentation
- Resources

Source: CMS [MLN Connects](#) dated 2/19/2026

Telehealth Flexibility Extension

On February 3, 2026, the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026. This new law updates earlier telehealth flexibility guidance. Noridian and other Medicare Administrative Contractors are waiting for CMS direction and will share more information as soon as possible.

Top Denials and Solutions - Q4 2025

(October, November and December of 2025)

This quarterly summary highlights the top five Return to Provider (RTP), rejection, and denial reason codes identified across claims activity, along with key prevention strategies and solutions for Part A. The report focuses on the most frequent processing issues that result in claims being returned, rejected, or denied, and outlines common submission errors that can be corrected prior to resubmission. It also identifies recurring trends that contribute to avoidable claim outcomes and provides essential resources and best practices to support accurate claim submission and reduce future RTPs, rejections, and denials.

Top 5 Return to Provider (RTP)

32243: This claim level reason code is being returned to the provider because one or more for line items were submitted without associated charges.

32614: Medicare claim for mammography services is being returned because the billing provider is not certified to perform them.

34963: Claim submitted attending physician NPI (National Provider Identifier) not valid in PECOS (Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System).

34977: Address submitted on claim is not an exact match to what is entered in the Provider Enrollment Chain and Ownership System (PECOS).

37098: Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Medicare Advantage (MA) claim is missing the necessary PPS supplemental rate information.

Top 5 Rejection Reason Codes

31992: Medicare denial code indicating that a claim is considered entirely noncovered.

38200: Claim submitted is exact duplicate of previously submitted claim and fields listed above are same on history and processing claim.

38312: FQHC PPS claim submitted line-item date of service (LIDOS) that matches another LIDOS on previously submitted claim for same beneficiary.

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39998: Billing error where the revenue code is not compatible with the type of bill submitted.

U5233: Claim submitted services provided during risk Group Health Organization (GHO) period.

Top 5 Denial Reason Codes

31241: Auto denial of claim line(s) submitted with a "GZ" modifier effective with July 1, 2011, dates of service for TOBs 12x, 13x, 14x, 22x, 23x, 32x, 33x, 34x, 71x, 72x, 73x, 74x, 75x, 76x, 77x, 81x, 82x, 83x and 85x.

39721: Requested non-medical Additional Documentation Request (ADR) never received.

39928: All line items on the claim were denied by Medical Review.

5LPDN: Medicare does not pay for service with diagnosis shown on claim, provider liable.

5NBMB: The information provided does not support the need for this service or item.

Resources

- [Direct Data Entry \(DDE\)](#)
- [Patient Status Codes](#)
- [Noridian Medicare Portal \(NMP\)](#)
- [Reason Code Guidance](#)

Understanding Diagnostic versus Therapeutic Facet Joint Injections

Noridian's Local Coverage Determination (LCD [L38801](#)) clearly distinguishes diagnostic from therapeutic facet joint injections, outlining specific requirements for each to ensure appropriate use and coverage.

Diagnostic facet joint injections, performed as medial branch blocks (MBB) or intra articular (IA) injections when MBB cannot be done, are used to determine whether the facet joints are the true source of chronic axial neck or low back pain. To qualify, a beneficiary must meet LCD criteria, including pain lasting at least three months, failure of conservative therapy, and no alternative diagnoses. Diagnostic injections must be intended to guide treatment toward radiofrequency ablation (RFA) if positive. A second diagnostic block is allowed only when the first produces at least 80% pain relief, and Medicare limits diagnostic sessions to no more than four per spinal region in a 12 month period.

The KX modifier should be appended to the line for all diagnostic injections. In most cases the KX modifier will only be used for the two initial diagnostic injections. If the

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initial diagnostic injections do not produce a positive response as defined by the policy and are not indicative of identification of the pain generator, and it is necessary to perform additional diagnostic injections at a different level, append the KX modifier to the line.

Therapeutic facet joint injections, by contrast, are intended for pain management when RFA is not appropriate. To qualify, the beneficiary must first have two diagnostic blocks, each confirming $\geq 80\%$ pain relief. Ongoing therapeutic injections must then demonstrate at least 50% pain relief lasting three months or comparable improvement in function. Medicare also limits therapeutic sessions to four per spinal region in a rolling 12 months, and documentation must clearly explain why RFA cannot be performed.

In summary, diagnostic injections identify the pain generator, while therapeutic injections treat confirmed facet mediated pain when RFA is not an option. Both require consistent pain and functional measurement tools and strict adherence to LCD criteria for coverage.

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2026 Annual Quarter One MoIDX CPT/HCPCS Billing and Coding Article Updates - Effective January 1, 2026

Date Posted: January 22, 2026

The following MoIDX Billing and Coding Articles have been revised under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Summary of Changes: The following MoIDX Billing and Coding Articles have been updated to include and/or remove CPT/HCPCS codes as well as update descriptions. For description changes, either the short and/or long code description was changed. Please Note: Depending on which descriptor was used, there may not be any changes to the code display in the article.

MCD Number	Billing and Coding Article Title	New CPT/HCPCS Codes	Deleted CPT/HCPCS Codes	CPT/HCPCS Codes Descriptor changes
A59641	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Proteomics Testing	0601U, 0609U	0550U	0365U
A57331	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Repeat Germline Testing	0605U, 81354	0033U, 0131U, 0132U, 0135U	NA
A58168	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Molecular Testing for Solid Organ Allograft	NA	0508U, 0509U, 0544U	NA

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2026 CPT/HCPCS Billing and Coding Article Updates - Effective January 1, 2026

Date Posted: January 2, 2026

The following Billing and Coding Articles have been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Summary of Changes: The following Billing and Coding Articles have been updated to include and/or remove CPT/HCPCS codes as well as update descriptions. For description changes, either the short and/or long code description was changed. Please Note: Depending on which descriptor was used, there may not be any changes to the code display in the article.

MCD Number	Billing and Coding Article Title	New CPT/HCPCS Codes	Deleted CPT/HCPCS Codes	CPT/HCPCS Codes Descriptor changes
A54061	Billing and Coding: Arthroscopic Lavage and Arthroscopic Debridement for Osteoarthritic Knees	N/A	N/A	29871
A59769	Billing and Coding: Artificial Intelligence Enabled CT Based Quantitative Coronary Topography (AI-QCT)/Coronary Plaque Analysis (AI-CPA)	75577	0623T, 0624T, 0625T, 0626T	N/A
A53026	Billing and Coding: Bariatric Surgery Coverage	N/A	N/A	43846, 43847
A57161	Billing and Coding: Benign Skin Lesion Removal (Excludes Actinic Keratosis, and Mohs)	N/A	N/A	17110, 17111

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MCD Number	Billing and Coding Article Title	New CPT/HCPCS Codes	Deleted CPT/HCPCS Codes	CPT/HCPCS Codes Descriptor changes
A57183	Billing and Coding: Cardiovascular Stress Testing, Including Exercise and/or Pharmacological Stress and Stress Echocardiography	N/A	J0395	93015, 93016, 93017, 93018
A59055	Billing and Coding: Influenza Diagnostic Tests	87812	N/A	N/A
A57079	Billing and Coding: Injections - Tendon, Ligament, Ganglion Cyst, Tunnel Syndromes and Morton's Neuroma	N/A	N/A	20527, 20550, 20551
A57187	Billing and Coding: Immune Globulin Intravenous (IVIg)	N/A	J1572	N/A
A59695	Billing and Coding: Minimally Invasive Arthrodesis of the Sacroiliac Joint (SIJ)	N/A	N/A	27279, 27278
A57685	Billing and Coding: Total Knee Arthroplasty	N/A	27445	N/A
A58227	Billing and Coding: Transurethral Waterjet Ablation of the Prostate	52597	0421T	N/A
A58565	Billing and Coding: Wound and Ulcer Care	N/A	N/A	29445, 29581
A55710	Lymphedema Decongestive Treatment	N/A	N/A	29581, 29584
A56027	Billing and Coding: Piriformis Injections	N/A	N/A	20552

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MCD Number	Billing and Coding Article Title	New CPT/HCPCS Codes	Deleted CPT/HCPCS Codes	CPT/HCPCS Codes Descriptor changes
A57224	Billing and Coding: Respiratory Care	N/A	94662	94450, 94660, 94664, 94667, 94668, 94680, 94681, 94690, 94726, 94727, 94729, 94772
A57701	Billing and Coding: Trigger Point Injections (TPI)	N/A	N/A	20552, 20553
A55001	Billing and Coding: Urine Drug Testing	0603U	N/A	N/A

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Allergy Diagnostic Testing LCD - Published for Review and Comments

Date Posted: January 15, 2026

This proposed Local Coverage Determination (LCD) has been published for review and comments for contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) Number: DL40324

LCD Title: Allergy Diagnostic Testing

Comment period: January 15, 2026 - February 28, 2026

Visit the CMS MCD to access [Proposed LCDs not released to final LCDs](#).

Providers may address details for comment submission. When sending comments, reference the specific policy to which they are related. See the [Proposed LCDs](#) webpage for email and mail specifics.

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Allogeneic Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation for Primary Refractory or Relapsed Hodgkin's and Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma with B-cell or T-cell Origin (L39396) - R1 - Effective March 5, 2023

Date Posted: February 5, 2026

This Local Coverage Determination (LCD) has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: March 5, 2023

Summary of Changes:

COVERAGE INDICATIONS:

Revised sentence from "Per the NCD, "All other indications for stem cell transplantation not otherwise noted above as covered or non-covered remain at local Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) discretion.""to "Per the NCD, "Coverage of all other indications for stem cell transplantation not otherwise specified above as covered or non-covered will be made by local Medicare Administrative Contractors under sections 1862(a)(1)(A).""

ANALYSIS OF EVIDENCE:

Added the acronym transplant-related mortality (TRM)

Visit the Noridian [Active LCDs](#) webpage to view the Active LCD or access it via the CMS [MCD](#).

Billing and Coding: Botulinum Toxin Injections (A57185) - R12 - Effective March 5, 2026

Date Posted: March 5, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: March 5, 2026

Summary of Changes: The following updates have been made:

Added CPT codes 31570 and 31573 to Group 1 in the CPT/HCPCS section and to the Group 9 Paragraph in the ICD-10-CM Codes that Support Medical Necessity section.

Corrected Group 8 Paragraph to remove CPT 64654 and add CPT 64650.

Added Group 9 Laryngeal Dystonia (CPT Code 64617) under the "ICD-10-CM Codes That Support Medical Necessity" section.

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Added CPT codes 64642, 64643, 64644, 64645, 64646 and 64647 to the Group 15 Paragraph in the “ICD-10-CM Codes That Support Medical Necessity”.

Removed ICD-10 code G24.8 from Group 13 in the ICD-10-CM codes that Support Medical Necessity section.

Added a paragraph in the Article Text under Modifiers JW and JZ section.

Added a paragraph in the Article Text under the Cosmetic Use section.

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Billing and Coding: Computed Tomography Cerebral Perfusion Analysis (CTP) (A58223) - R5 - Effective January 1, 2026

Date Posted: January 15, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Summary of Changes:

Deleted: 0042T

Added: 70472, 70473 and coding information paragraph in the Article Text section

Added ICD-10 codes: G44.53 and I69.344 - new codes effective in 2025.

Visit the Noridian [Active LCDs](#) webpage to view the document or access it via the CMS [Medicare Coverage Database \(MCD\)](#).

Billing and Coding: Computed Tomography Cerebral Perfusion Analysis (CTP) (A58223) - R6 - Effective January 1, 2026

Date Posted: February 19, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Summary of Changes: Under ICD-10-CM Codes that Support Medical Necessity, added R29.810 to Group 1 Codes.

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Billing and Coding: Computed Tomography Cerebral Perfusion Analysis (CTP) (A58223) - R7 - Effective January 1, 2026

Date Posted: March 26, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Summary of Changes: Under **Article Text**, revised: "Append computed tomography cerebral perfusion analysis identified with CPT 0042T or 70472 with the KX modifier to attest the CTP analysis was performed in a certified stroke center." to "Append computed tomography cerebral perfusion analysis identified with CPT 70472 with the KX modifier to attest the CTP analysis was performed in a certified stroke center."

Under **Article Text**, removed: "Effective 1/1/26 CPT code 0042T will be replaced with CPT code 70472 & 70473 for Computed Tomography Cerebral Perfusion Analysis (CTP). Claims with date of service prior to 1/1/26 should still use 0042T."

Under **Article Text**, added the following clarification of acronyms: Cerebral Perfusion Analysis (CPA), Computed Tomography (CT), Artificial Intelligence QT interval Corrected Analysis (AI-QTC), Artificial Intelligence Cerebral Perfusion Analysis (AI-CPA, and Coronary CT Angiography (CCTA)

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Billing and Coding: Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea (A57948) - R10 - Effective January 1, 2026

Date Posted: February 5, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Summary of Changes: Correction: The effective removal date of CPT 64568 is January 1, 2025.

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Billing and Coding: Immune Globulin Intravenous (IVIg) (A57187) - R12 - Effective January 22, 2026

Date Posted: February 19, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: January 22, 2026

Summary of Changes: Under Group 1 Paragraph, added: When billing Gammagard Liquid or Gammagard Liquid ERC, utilize HCPCS J1569.

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Billing and Coding: Implantable Infusion Pumps for Chronic Pain (A55239) - R24 - Effective January 1, 2026

Date Posted: January 8, 2026

This Billing and Coding article has been revised and published for notice under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Summary of Article Changes: Updated pricing for Prialt (Ziconotide) and Ropivacaine per quarterly ASP Drug File Update:

Effective 01/01/2026 - 03/31/2026

Prialt (Ziconotide) = \$10.565

Ropivacaine = \$0.050

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Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Lab-Developed Tests for Inherited Cancer Syndromes in Patients with Cancer (A58679) - R10 - Effective Multiple Dates

Date Posted: January 29, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: Multiple Dates

Summary of Changes:

Under **CPT/HCPCS Codes Group 2: Paragraph** deleted sentence. Under **CPT/HCPCS Codes Group 2: Codes** deleted 81163, 81164, 81165, 81166, 81167, 81201, 81203, 81212, 81216, 81292, 81294, 81295, 81297, 81298, 81300, 81307, 81317, 81319, 81321, 81323, and 81351. Added 81479. Under **CPT/HCPCS Codes Group 3: Paragraph** added "These code(s) are non-covered". Under CPT/HCPCS Codes Group 3: Codes added 81163, 81164, 81165, 81166, 81167, 81201, 81203, 81212, 81216, 81292, 81294, 81295, 81297, 81298, 81300, 81307, 81317, 81319, 81321, 81323, and 81351. Under **ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity Group 2: Codes** added C81.00, C81.01, C81.02, C81.03, C81.04, C81.05, C81.06, C81.07, C81.08, C81.09, C81.0A, C81.10, C81.11, C81.12, C81.13, C81.14, C81.15, C81.16, C81.17, C81.18, C81.19, C81.1A, C81.20, C81.21, C81.22, C81.23, C81.24, C81.25, C81.26, C81.27, C81.28, C81.29, C81.2A, C81.30, C81.31, C81.32, C81.33, C81.34, C81.35, C81.36, C81.37, C81.38, C81.39, C81.3A, C81.40, C81.41, C81.42, C81.43, C81.44, C81.45, C81.46, C81.47, C81.48, C81.49, C81.4A, C81.70, C81.71, C81.72, C81.73, C81.74, C81.75, C81.76, C81.77, C81.78, C81.79, C81.7A, C81.90, C81.91, C81.92, C81.93, C81.94, C81.95, C81.96, C81.97, C81.98, C81.99, C81.9A, C82.00, C82.01, C82.02, C82.03, C82.04, C82.05, C82.06, C82.07, C82.08, C82.09, C82.0A, C82.10, C82.11, C82.12, C82.13, C82.14, C82.15, C82.16, C82.17, C82.18, C82.19, C82.1A, C82.20, C82.21, C82.22, C82.23, C82.24, C82.25, C82.26, C82.27, C82.28, C82.29, C82.2A, C82.30, C82.31, C82.32, C82.33, C82.34, C82.35, C82.36, C82.37, C82.38, C82.39, C82.3A, C82.40, C82.41, C82.42, C82.43, C82.44, C82.45, C82.46, C82.47, C82.48, C82.49, C82.4A, C82.50, C82.51, C82.52, C82.53, C82.54, C82.55, C82.56, C82.57, C82.58, C82.59, C82.5A, C82.60, C82.61, C82.62, C82.63, C82.64, C82.65, C82.66, C82.67, C82.68, C82.69, C82.6A, C82.80, C82.81, C82.82, C82.83, C82.84, C82.85, C82.86, C82.87, C82.88, C82.89, C82.8A, C82.90, C82.91, C82.92, C82.93, C82.94, C82.95, C82.96, C82.97, C82.98, C82.99, C82.9A, C83.00, C83.01, C83.02, C83.03, C83.04, C83.05, C83.06, C83.07, C83.08, C83.09, C83.0A, C83.10, C83.11, C83.12, C83.13, C83.14, C83.15, C83.16, C83.17, C83.18, C83.19, C83.1A, C83.30, C83.31, C83.32, C83.33, C83.34, C83.35, C83.36, C83.37, C83.38, C83.390, C83.398, C83.3A, C83.50, C83.51, C83.52, C83.53, C83.54, C83.55, C83.56, C83.57, C83.58, C83.59, C83.5A, C83.70, C83.71, C83.72, C83.73, C83.74, C83.75, C83.76, C83.77, C83.78, C83.79, C83.7A, C83.80, C83.81, C83.82, C83.83, C83.84, C83.85, C83.86, C83.87, C83.88, C83.89, C83.8A, C83.90, C83.91, C83.92,

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C83.93, C83.94, C83.95, C83.96, C83.97, C83.98, C83.99, C83.9A, C84.00, C84.01, C84.02, C84.03, C84.04, C84.05, C84.06, C84.07, C84.08, C84.09, C84.0A, C84.10, C84.11, C84.12, C84.13, C84.14, C84.15, C84.16, C84.17, C84.18, C84.19, C84.1A, C84.40, C84.41, C84.42, C84.43, C84.44, C84.45, C84.46, C84.47, C84.48, C84.49, C84.4A, C84.60, C84.61, C84.62, C84.63, C84.64, C84.65, C84.66, C84.67, C84.68, C84.69, C84.6A, C84.70, C84.71, C84.72, C84.73, C84.74, C84.75, C84.76, C84.77, C84.78, C84.79, C84.7A, C84.7B, C84.90, C84.91, C84.92, C84.93, C84.94, C84.95, C84.96, C84.97, C84.98, C84.99, C84.9A, C84.A0, C84.A1, C84.A2, C84.A3, C84.A4, C84.A5, C84.A6, C84.A7, C84.A8, C84.A9, C84.AA, C84.Z0, C84.Z1, C84.Z2, C84.Z3, C84.Z4, C84.Z5, C84.Z6, C84.Z7, C84.Z8, C84.Z9, C84.ZA, C85.10, C85.11, C85.12, C85.13, C85.14, C85.15, C85.16, C85.17, C85.18, C85.19, C85.1A, C85.20, C85.21, C85.22, C85.23, C85.24, C85.25, C85.26, C85.27, C85.28, C85.29, C85.2A, C85.80, C85.81, C85.82, C85.83, C85.84, C85.85, C85.86, C85.87, C85.88, C85.89, C85.8A, C85.90, C85.91, C85.92, C85.93, C85.94, C85.95, C85.96, C85.97, C85.98, C85.99, C85.9A, C86.00, C86.01, C86.1, C86.10, C86.11, C86.20, C86.21, C86.30, C86.31, C86.40, C86.41, C86.50, C86.51, C86.60, C86.61, C88.00, C88.01, C88.20, C88.21, C88.30, C88.31, C88.40, C88.41, C88.80, C88.81, C88.90, C88.91, C90.00, C90.01, C90.02, C90.10, C90.11, C90.12, C90.20, C90.21, C90.22, C90.30, C90.31, C90.32, C91.00, C91.01, C91.02, C91.10, C91.11, C91.12, C91.30, C91.31, C91.32, C91.40, C91.41, C91.42, C91.50, C91.51, C91.52, C91.60, C91.61, C91.62, C91.90, C91.91, C91.92, C91.A0, C91.A1, C91.A2, C91.Z0, C91.Z1, C91.Z2, C92.00, C92.01, C92.02, C92.10, C92.11, C92.12, C92.20, C92.21, C92.22, C92.30, C92.31, C92.32, C92.40, C92.41, C92.42, C92.50, C92.51, C92.52, C92.60, C92.61, C92.62, C92.90, C92.91, C92.92, C92.A0, C92.A1, C92.A2, C92.Z0, C92.Z1, C92.Z2, C93.00, C93.01, C93.02, C93.10, C93.11, C93.12, C93.30, C93.31, C93.32, C93.90, C93.91, C93.92, C93.Z0, C93.Z1, C93.Z2, C94.00, C94.01, C94.02, C94.20, C94.21, C94.22, C94.30, C94.31, C94.32, C94.40, C94.41, C94.42, C94.6, C94.80, C94.81, C94.82, C95.00, C95.01, C95.02, C95.10, C95.11, C95.12, C95.90, C95.91, C95.92, C96.0, C96.20, C96.21, C96.22, C96.29, C96.4, C96.5, C96.6, C96.9, C96.A, C96.Z, D45, D46.0, D46.1, D46.20, D46.21, D46.22, D46.4, D46.9, D46.A, D46.B, D46.C, D46.Z, D47.01, D47.02, D47.09, D47.1, D47.3, D47.4, D47.9, D47.Z9, D75.81, Z85.6, Z85.71, Z85.72, and Z85.79. This revision is effective 1/1/2026.

Under **ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity Group 1: Codes** added C00.0, C00.1, C00.2, C00.3, C00.4, C00.5, C00.6, C00.8, C00.9, C01, C02.0, C02.1, C02.2, C02.3, C02.4, C02.8, C02.9, C03.0, C03.1, C03.9, C04.0, C04.1, C04.8, C04.9, C05.0, C05.1, C05.2, C05.8, C05.9, C06.0, C06.1, C06.2, C06.80, C06.89, C06.9, C07, C08.0, C08.1, C08.9, C09.0, C09.1, C09.8, C09.9, C10.0, C10.1, C10.2, C10.3, C10.4, C10.8, C10.9, C11.0, C11.1, C11.2, C11.3, C11.8, C11.9, C12, C13.0, C13.1, C13.2, C13.8, C13.9, C14.0, C14.2, C14.8, C15.3, C15.4, C15.5, C15.8, C15.9, C26.0, C26.1, C26.9, C30.0, C30.1, C31.0, C31.1, C31.2, C31.3, C31.8, C31.9, C32.0, C32.1, C32.2, C32.3, C32.8, C32.9, C33, C34.00, C34.01, C34.02, C34.10, C34.11, C34.12, C34.2, C34.30, C34.31, C34.32, C34.80, C34.81, C34.82, C34.90, C34.91, C34.92, C37, C38.0, C38.1, C38.2, C38.3, C38.4, C38.8, C39.0, C39.9, C40.00,

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C40.01, C40.02, C40.10, C40.11, C40.12, C40.20, C40.21, C40.22, C40.30, C40.31, C40.32, C40.80, C40.81, C40.82, C40.90, C40.91, C40.92, C41.0, C41.1, C41.2, C41.3, C41.4, C41.9, C44.00, C44.01, C44.02, C44.09, C44.101, C44.1021, C44.1022, C44.1091, C44.1092, C44.111, C44.1121, C44.1122, C44.1191, C44.1192, C44.121, C44.1221, C44.1222, C44.1291, C44.1292, C44.131, C44.1321, C44.1322, C44.1391, C44.1392, C44.191, C44.1921, C44.1922, C44.1991, C44.1992, C44.201, C44.202, C44.209, C44.211, C44.212, C44.219, C44.221, C44.222, C44.229, C44.291, C44.292, C44.299, C44.300, C44.301, C44.309, C44.310, C44.311, C44.319, C44.320, C44.321, C44.329, C44.390, C44.391, C44.399, C44.40, C44.41, C44.42, C44.49, C44.500, C44.501, C44.509, C44.510, C44.511, C44.519, C44.520, C44.521, C44.529, C44.590, C44.591, C44.599, C44.601, C44.602, C44.609, C44.611, C44.612, C44.619, C44.621, C44.622, C44.629, C44.691, C44.692, C44.699, C44.701, C44.702, C44.709, C44.711, C44.712, C44.719, C44.721, C44.722, C44.729, C44.791, C44.792, C44.799, C44.80, C44.81, C44.82, C44.89, C44.90, C44.91, C44.92, C44.99, C45.0, C45.2, C45.7, C45.9, C47.0, C47.10, C47.11, C47.12, C47.20, C47.21, C47.22, C47.3, C47.4, C47.5, C47.6, C47.8, C47.9, C49.0, C49.10, C49.11, C49.12, C49.20, C49.21, C49.22, C49.3, C49.4, C49.5, C49.6, C49.8, C49.9, C4A.0, C4A.10, C4A.111, C4A.112, C4A.121, C4A.122, C4A.20, C4A.21, C4A.22, C4A.30, C4A.31, C4A.39, C4A.4, C4A.51, C4A.52, C4A.59, C4A.60, C4A.61, C4A.62, C4A.70, C4A.71, C4A.72, C4A.8, C4A.9, C51.0, C51.1, C51.2, C51.8, C51.9, C52, C53.0, C53.1, C53.9, C57.7, C57.8, C57.9, C60.0, C60.1, C60.2, C60.8, C60.9, C62.00, C62.01, C62.02, C62.10, C62.11, C62.12, C62.90, C62.91, C62.92, C63.00, C63.01, C63.02, C63.10, C63.11, C63.12, C63.2, C63.7, C63.8, C63.9, C68.0, C68.1, C68.9, C69.00, C69.01, C69.02, C69.10, C69.11, C69.12, C69.20, C69.21, C69.22, C69.30, C69.31, C69.32, C69.40, C69.41, C69.42, C69.50, C69.51, C69.52, C69.60, C69.61, C69.62, C69.80, C69.81, C69.82, C69.90, C69.91, C69.92, C70.0, C70.1, C70.9, C72.0, C72.1, C72.20, C72.21, C72.22, C72.30, C72.31, C72.32, C72.40, C72.41, C72.42, C72.50, C72.59, C72.9, C74.00, C74.01, C74.02, C74.10, C74.11, C74.12, C74.90, C74.91, C74.92, C7A.00, C7A.010, C7A.011, C7A.012, C7A.019, C7A.020, C7A.021, C7A.022, C7A.023, C7A.024, C7A.025, C7A.026, C7A.029, C7A.090, C7A.091, C7A.092, C7A.093, C7A.094, C7A.095, C7A.096, C7A.098, C7A.1, C7A.8, C80.0, C80.1, D00.00, D00.01, D00.02, D00.03, D00.04, D00.05, D00.06, D00.07, D00.08, D00.1, D01.3, D01.9, D02.0, D02.1, D02.20, D02.21, D02.22, D02.3, D02.4, D03.0, D03.10, D03.111, D03.112, D03.121, D03.122, D03.20, D03.21, D03.22, D03.30, D03.39, D03.4, D03.51, D03.52, D03.59, D03.60, D03.61, D03.62, D03.70, D03.71, D03.72, D03.8, D03.9, D04.0, D04.10, D04.111, D04.112, D04.121, D04.122, D04.20, D04.21, D04.22, D04.30, D04.39, D04.4, D04.5, D04.60, D04.61, D04.62, D04.70, D04.71, D04.72, D04.8, D04.9, D06.7, D06.9, D07.1, D07.2, D07.30, D07.39, D07.4, D07.60, D07.61, D07.69, D09.0, D09.10, D09.19, D09.20, D09.21, D09.22, D09.9, Z85.01, Z85.020, Z85.028, Z85.05, Z85.09, Z85.110, Z85.118, Z85.12, Z85.20, Z85.21, Z85.22, Z85.230, Z85.238, Z85.29, Z85.40, Z85.41, Z85.45, Z85.47, Z85.48, Z85.49, Z85.50, Z85.520, Z85.528, Z85.810, Z85.818, Z85.819, Z85.830, Z85.831, Z85.840, Z85.848, and Z85.89. This revision is effective 7/3/2022.

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Visit the Noridian [Molecular Diagnostic Services](#) webpage to view the [Active MoIDX LCDs](#) or access it via the [CMS MCD](#).

Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Minimal Residual Disease Testing for Solid Tumor Cancers (A58454) - R15 - Effective Multiple Dates

Date Posted: January 29, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: Multiple Dates

Summary of Changes:

Under **CPT/HCPCS Codes Group 1: Codes** the description was revised for 0569U. This revision is due to the 2026 Annual/Q1 CPT/HCPCS Code Update and is effective 1/1/2026.

Under **Article Text** subheading Additional Test-specific Indications, Limitations and Instructions revised 3rd sentence to read “the monitoring of response to immune-checkpoint inhibitor therapy for advanced (Signatera) or inoperable/metastatic (Guardant Response) solid tumors”. This revision is effective 4/6/2023.

Under **ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity Group 1: Codes** added Z85.89 and deleted C79.63. Under **ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity Group 2: Paragraph** deleted “(or personal history of a solid tumor but still being treated with ICI therapy”.

Under **ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity Group 2: Codes** deleted C79.63, Z85.01, Z85.020, Z85.028, Z85.030, Z85.038, Z85.040, Z85.048, Z85.05, Z85.060, Z85.068, Z85.07, Z85.09, Z85.110, Z85.118, Z85.12, Z85.21, Z85.22, Z85.230, Z85.238, Z85.29, Z85.3, Z85.41, Z85.42, Z85.43, Z85.44, Z85.46, Z85.47, Z85.48, Z85.4A, Z85.51, Z85.520, Z85.528, Z85.53, Z85.54, Z85.59, Z85.810, Z85.818, Z85.819, Z85.820, Z85.821, Z85.828, Z85.830, Z85.831, Z85.840, Z85.841, Z85.848, Z85.850, and Z85.858. This revision is to remove contradictory verbiage that needed to be revised to be consistent with the policy and is effective 10/1/2022

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Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Minimal Residual Disease Testing for Solid Tumor Cancers (A58454) - R17 - Effective March 12, 2026

Date Posted: March 12, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: March 12, 2026

Summary of Changes:

Under **Article Text** revised Table 1 row 9 to read “NeXT Personal: WGS Assay Design + Plasma Initial Test (Personalis, Inc)”. This revision is effective 3/12/2026.

Under subheading **Additional Test-specific Indications, Limitations and Instructions** revised 2nd sentence to read “(NSCLC) (Signatera, NeXT Personal)”. This revision is due to a new covered test that has successfully completed a TA and is effective for 1/9/2026.

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Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Molecular Diagnostic Tests (MDT) (A57526) - R26 - Effective Multiple Dates

Date Posted: January 22, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: Multiple Dates

Summary of Changes: Under **CPT/HCPCS Codes Group 1: Codes** added 0600U, 0602U, 0605U, 0607U, 0608U, 0611U, 0612U, 0613U, 81354, 81524, and 87183. Deleted 0033U, 0131U, 0132U, 0135U, 0508U, 0509U, and 0544U. The description was revised for 0537U, 0565U, and 0569U. Under **CPT/HCPCS Codes Group 2: Codes** added 87494 and 87627. This revision is due to the 2026 Annual/Q1 CPT/HCPCS Code Update and is effective 1/1/2026.

Under **CPT/HCPCS Codes Group 2: Codes** added 0140U, 0141U, and 0142U. This revision is effective 4/17/2022.

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Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Molecular Syndromic Panels for Infectious Disease Pathogen Identification Testing (A58720) - R32 - Effective Multiple dates

Date Posted: January 22, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: Multiple dates

Summary of Changes:

Under **CPT/HCPCS Codes Group 5: Codes added** 87494. Under **CPT/HCPCS Codes Group 10: Codes** added 87627. This revision is due to the 2026 Annual/Q1 CPT/HCPCS Code Update and is effective 1/1/2026.

Under **CPT/HCPCS Codes Group 4: Codes added** 0140U, 0141U and 0142U. Under **CPT/HCPCS Codes Group 8: Codes** added 0068U and 0096U. This revision is effective 4/17/2022.

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Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Molecular Syndromic Panels for Infectious Disease Pathogen Identification Testing (A58720) - R34 - Effective March 19, 2026

Date Posted: March 19, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: March 19, 2026

Summary of Changes:

Under **Article Text** subheading **Additional Information** revised bullet 9 to add "A consultation with/recommendation by one of the listed provider specialists satisfies the ordering provider requirements of the policy". Formatting and punctuation were corrected throughout the article. This revision is effective 3/19/2026.

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Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Next-Generation Sequencing Lab-Developed Tests for Myeloid Malignancies and Suspected Myeloid Malignancies (A57891) - R10 - Effective September 19, 2024

Date Posted: January 22, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: September 19, 2024

Summary of Changes:

Under **Article Text** added “To submit a claim for ABL1 Kinase Domain Mutation Analysis by NGS for the detection of acquired imatinib tyrosine kinase inhibitor resistance, use CPT® 81170 and one (1) UOS with the assigned DEX Z-Code. See also Group 2 below”. Under **CPT/HCPCS Codes Group 2: Paragraph** added “The following should be reported for ABL1 Kinase Domain Mutation Analysis for the detection of acquired imatinib tyrosine kinase inhibitor resistance”. Under **CPT/HCPCS Codes Group 2: Codes added** 81170. Under **ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity Group 2: Codes added** C92.10 and C92.12. This revision is effective 9/19/2024.

Visit the Noridian [Molecular Diagnostic Services](#) webpage to view the [Active MoIDX LCDs](#) or access it via the [CMS MCD](#).

Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Next-Generation Sequencing Lab-Developed Tests for Myeloid Malignancies and Suspected Myeloid Malignancies (A57891) - R11 - Effective May 17, 2020

Date Posted: January 29, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: May 17, 2020

Summary of Changes:

Revision 9 (R9) incorrectly stated this revision is effective 2/10/2020. The correct effective date of this revision is 5/17/2020.

Visit the Noridian [Molecular Diagnostic Services](#) webpage to view the [Active MoIDX LCDs](#) or access it via the [CMS MCD](#).

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Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Pharmacogenomics Testing (A57384) - R19 - Effective July 2, 2024

Date Posted: February 5, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: July 2, 2024

Summary of Changes:

Under **Article Text** revised Table 2 APOE row to add donanemab. This revision is due to FDA guidelines and is effective 7/2/2024.

Visit the Noridian [Molecular Diagnostic Services](#) webpage to view the [Active MoIDX LCDs](#) or access it via the [CMS MCD](#).

Billing and Coding: Nerve Blockade for Treatment of Chronic Pain and Neuropathy (A56034) - R11 - Effective March 5, 2026

Date Posted: March 12, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: March 5, 2026

Summary of Changes:

Under Article Text, revised the sentence from “The use of peripheral nerve blocks for treating diabetic neuropathy is not considered reasonable and/or necessary and is not covered by Medicare Part A or B.” to “The use of peripheral nerve blocks for treating metabolic peripheral neuropathy is not considered reasonable and/or necessary and is not covered by Medicare Part A or B.”

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Billing and Coding Nusinersen, (brand name SPINRAZA®)

This article has been published under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

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- Billing and Coding Nusinersen, (brand name SPINRAZA®)

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Billing and Coding: Respiratory Care (A57224) - R21 - Effective January 1, 2026

Date Posted: February 12, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Summary of Changes: Removed Type of Bill (TOB) 022X, Skilled Nursing - Inpatient (Medicare Part B Only) to align with Internet Only Manual (IOM) 100-04, Chapter 7, Section 10.1.1.

Visit the Noridian [Active LCDs](#) webpage to view the document or access it via the CMS [Medicare Coverage Database \(MCD\)](#).

Billing and Coding: Spinraza® (nusinersen) (A58578) Retirement - Effective January 2, 2025

Date Posted: March 19, 2026

This Billing and Coding article has been retired under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: January 2, 2025

Summary:

This article is being retired. Updated direction regarding these services will move to our Noridian website.

Visit the CMS [Medicare Coverage Database \(MCD\)](#) to access the Retired articles.

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Billing and Coding: Superficial Radiation Therapy (SRT) for the Treatment of Nonmelanoma Skin Cancers (NMSC) (A60181) - R1 - Effective March 1, 2026

Date Posted: March 12, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: March 1, 2026

Summary of Changes:

Under **Article Text**, deleted: “For purposes of this LCD, SRT is only payable in a non-facility setting. As defined by Section 3(b) of the Patient Access and Medicare Protection Act (PAMPA), the following settings would be allowable: The term “non-facility settings” refers to freestanding radiation therapy centers, which are treated like physicians’ offices for Medicare payment and billing purposes and are paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS). In contrast, the term “facility settings” refers to hospitals, which provide radiation therapy (RT) in their hospital outpatient departments. Physician office, if allowed by their local state requirements as meeting these requirements, would also fall under the rubric of a freestanding RT center for Medicare payment and billing purposes for the delivery of SRT.”

Visit the Noridian [Active LCDs](#) webpage to view the document or access it via the CMS [Medicare Coverage Database \(MCD\)](#).

Billing and Coding: Transurethral Waterjet Ablation of the Prostate (A58227) - R5 - Effective January 1, 2026

Date Posted: January 29, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Summary of Changes:

Revised Group 1: Paragraph from “The following ICD-10-CM codes support medical necessity and provide coverage for (CPT/HCPCS) codes: 0421T and C2596.” to “The following ICD-10-CM codes support medical necessity and provide coverage for (CPT/HCPCS) codes: 52597 and C2596.”

Visit the Noridian [Active LCDs](#) webpage to view the document or access it via the CMS [Medicare Coverage Database \(MCD\)](#).

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Billing and Coding: Wound and Ulcer Care (A58565) - R11 - Effective January 1, 2026

Date Posted: January 29, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Summary of Changes: Updated broken link under Other URLs: Medicare Learning Network MM10176 - Updated Editing of Always Therapy Services - MCS

Visit the Noridian [Active LCDs](#) webpage to view the document or access it via the CMS [Medicare Coverage Database \(MCD\)](#).

Billing and Coding: Wound and Ulcer Care (A58565) - R12 - Effective October 1, 2025

Date Posted: March 5, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: October 1, 2025

Summary of Changes:

Under **ICD-10-CM Codes that Support Medical Necessity, Group 1: Codes**, added: L98.431*, L98.432*, L98.471*, L98.472*, L98.473*, L98.A111*, L98.A112*, L98.A113*, L98.A114*, L98.A115*, L98.A116*, L98.A118*, L98.A121*, L98.A122*, L98.A123*, L98.A124*, L98.A125*, L98.A126*, L98.A128*, L98.A221*, L98.A222*, L98.A223*, L98.A224*, L98.A225*, L98.A226*, L98.A228*, S30.85AA, S30.85AD, S30.85AS, S31.116A, S31.116D, S31.116S, S31.117A, S31.117D, S31.117S, S31.11AA, S31.11AD, S31.11AS, S31.126A, S31.126D, S31.126S, S31.127A, S31.127D, S31.127S, S31.12AA, S31.12AD, S31.12AS

Under **ICD-10-CM Codes that Support Medical Necessity, Group 1: Codes, Group 1: Medical Necessity ICD-10-CM Codes Asterisk Explanation**, revised sentence from "For clarity one should consider adding a 2nd ICD-10 code (L97.1XX - L98.4XX ICD-10 codes asterisked above) to define the ulcer." to "For clarity one should consider adding a 2nd ICD-10 code (L97.1XX - L98.AXXX ICD-10 codes asterisked above) to define the ulcer."

Visit the Noridian [Active LCDs](#) webpage to view the document or access it via the CMS [Medicare Coverage Database \(MCD\)](#).

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Billing and Coding: Wound and Ulcer Care (A58565) - R13 - Effective October 1, 2025

Date Posted: March 19, 2026

This Billing and Coding Article has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: October 1, 2025

Summary of Changes:

Under **ICD-10-CM Codes that Support Medical Necessity, Group 1 Codes**, added: L98.A211*, L98.A212*, L98.A213*, L98.A214*, L98.A215*, L98.A216*, L98.A218*

Visit the Noridian [Active LCDs](#) webpage to view the document or access it via the CMS [Medicare Coverage Database \(MCD\)](#).

Botulinum Toxin Injections Final LCD - Effective February 22, 2026

Date Posted: January 8, 2026

This Local Coverage Determination (LCD) has completed the Open Public Meeting and Contractor Advisory Committee (CAC) comment period and is now finalized under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories). Responses to comments received may be found as a link at the bottom of the final LCD.

Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) Number/Contractor Determination Number:
L35170

LCD Title: Botulinum Toxin Injections

Effective Date: February 22, 2026

Summary of LCD: This Local Coverage Determination (LCD) has been developed to create a policy consistent with current evidence for FDA approved and off-label uses of Botulinum Toxins in the Medicare population.

Visit the [Proposed LCDs](#) webpage to access this LCD.

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Diagnostic and Therapeutic Colonoscopy (L34213) - R16 - Effective November 6, 2025

Date Posted: February 13, 2026

This Local Coverage Determination (LCD) has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: November 6, 2025

Summary of Changes: Under Coverage Indications, Limitations and/or Medical Necessity, removed the broken link to the Internet Only Manual (IOM).

Visit the Noridian [Active LCDs](#) webpage to view the Active LCD or access it via the CMS [MCD](#).

Facet Joint Interventions for Pain Management (L38801) - R5 - Effective July 17, 2025

Date Posted: January 29, 2026

This Local Coverage Determination (LCD) has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: July 17, 2025

Summary of Changes: Updated broken link under Bibliography #1.

Visit the Noridian [Active LCDs](#) webpage to view the Active LCD or access it via the CMS [MCD](#).

Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II Code Compliance Guidance

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The Noridian Contractor Medical Directors (CMDs) have published the following Medical Director Education Article on our website:

- Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II Code Compliance Guidance

Visit the Noridian [Medical Director Education Articles](#) webpage to view the document.

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Immune Globulin Intravenous (IVIg) (L34314) - R13 - Effective February 1, 2020

Date Posted: January 29, 2026

This Local Coverage Determination (LCD) has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: February 1, 2020

Summary of Changes:

Policy was updated to correct typographical errors. Under Coverage Indications, Limitations and/or Medical Necessity, corrected 'nonresponsiveness' to 'non-responsiveness.' Under Associated Information, corrected 'and An' to 'and an.'

Visit the Noridian [Active LCDs](#) webpage to view the Active LCD or access it via the CMS [MCD](#).

Non-Invasive Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR) for Ischemic Heart Disease (L38613) - R2 - Effective September 18, 2022

Date Posted: February 5, 2026

This Local Coverage Determination (LCD) has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: September 18, 2022

Summary of Changes:

Updated typographical errors under the following sections:

Issue Description, Coverage Indications (paragraphs 1 and 2), and Summary of Evidence (paragraphs 1 and 7).

Visit the Noridian [Active LCDs](#) webpage to view the Active LCD or access it via the CMS [MCD](#).

Non-Invasive Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR) for Ischemic Heart Disease (L38613) - R3 - Effective September 18, 2022

Date Posted: February 19, 2026

This Local Coverage Determination (LCD) has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: September 18, 2022

Medical Policies and Coverage

Summary of Changes:

Added: JE contractor information. This update is to restore JE contractor information from R2.

Visit the Noridian [Active LCDs](#) webpage to view the Active LCD or access it via the CMS [MCD](#).

Notice: Allergy Immunotherapy Claims for Venom Allergies

Overview

This bulletin provides clarification regarding claims processing for Allergy Immunotherapy services furnished for the treatment of venom allergies following implementation of the Allergy Immunotherapy Local Coverage Determination (LCD) and associated Billing and Coding Article, effective October 26, 2025.

Background

The Allergy Immunotherapy LCD establishes coverage criteria for immunotherapy services used in the treatment of allergies to aeroallergens, including inhaled allergens such as pollens, dust mites, and animal dander.

Allergy immunotherapy, including subcutaneous immunotherapy (SCIT), administered for non aeroallergens—such as venoms—is not included within the scope of this LCD. Claims for venom allergy immunotherapy are therefore processed outside the provisions of the Allergy Immunotherapy LCD.

Current Status

An issue has been identified in the claims processing of AIT for treatment of venom allergy. Noridian is updating internal claims processing systems to ensure appropriate handling of these claims moving forward.

Provider Action

Providers are asked to allow approximately 4 weeks for these claims processing system updates to be completed. Following this timeframe, any new claims moving forward will process accordingly; and to ensure previously affected claims are addressed, we are asking providers to resubmit venom allergy immunotherapy claims for re-processing.

Noridian thanks you for your patience.

Additional Information

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Further updates will be communicated as appropriate.

Open Public Meeting Announcement Allergy Diagnostic Testing - February 12, 2026

Date Posted: January 15, 2026

This article has been published for notice under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Noridian Healthcare Solutions will be hosting an Open Public Meeting on February 12, 2026, from 2 - 4 pm CT.

[Advance registration is required.](#)

- Registration deadline to present comments on the LCD will close on February 4, 2026, at 11:59 pm CT.
- General Registration deadline to participate by listen-only mode will close on February 11, 2026, at 11:59 pm CT.

Proposed Local Coverage Determination (LCD) and Billing and Coding Article:

- Allergy Diagnostic Testing - DL40324
- Billing and Coding: Allergy Diagnostic Testing - DA60361

View meeting details and register now from the [Open Meeting](#) webpage.

Policy Revision(s) for Local Coverage Determinations and Associated Billing and Coding Articles - Effective March 5, 2026

Date Posted: March 5, 2026

The following Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) and associated Billing and Coding Articles have been revised under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Medicare Coverage Database Number	LCD Title and Revision Number
L39396	Allogeneic Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation for Primary Refractory or Relapsed Hodgkin's and Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma with B-cell or T-cell Origin - R2
L35526	B-type Natriuretic Peptide (BNP) Testing - R13

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Medicare Coverage Database Number	LCD Title and Revision Number
L34314	Immune Globulin Intravenous (IVIg) - R14
L39642	Intraosseous Basivertebral Nerve Ablation - R2
L35456	Nerve Blockade for Treatment of Chronic Pain and Neuropathy - R19
L38613	Non-Invasive Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR) for Ischemic Heart Disease - R4
L39462	Sacroiliac Joint Injections and Procedures - R2
L38705	Transurethral Waterjet Ablation of the Prostate - R3

Medicare Coverage Database Number	Billing and Coding Article Title and Revision Number
A59175	Billing and Coding: Allogeneic Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation for Primary Refractory or Relapsed Hodgkin's and Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma with B-cell or T-cell Origin - R3
A54660	Billing and Coding: Coverage of Intravenous Immune Globulin for Treatment of Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases in the Home - Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15, 50.6 - R5
A57083	Billing and Coding: B-type Natriuretic Peptide (BNP) Testing - R5
A57187	Billing and Coding: Immune Globulin Intravenous (IVIg) - R12
A59466	Billing and Coding: Intraosseous Basivertebral Nerve Ablation - R1
A56034	Billing and Coding: Nerve Blockade for Treatment of Chronic Pain and Neuropathy - R10
A58095	Billing and Coding: Non-Invasive Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR) for Ischemic Heart Disease - R5
A59244	Billing and Coding: Sacroiliac Joint Injections and Procedures - R6

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Medicare Coverage Database Number	Billing and Coding Article Title and Revision Number
A58227	Billing and Coding: Transurethral Waterjet Ablation of the Prostate - R6

Effective Date: March 5, 2026

Summary of Changes:

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

Added: JF contractor information

This update is to consolidate JE and JF to have one unified document and policy number.

Visit the Noridian [Active LCDs](#) webpage or Noridian [Billing and Coding Articles](#) webpages to view the document or access it via the CMS [Medicare Coverage Database \(MCD\)](#).

Policy Revision(s) for MoIDX Local Coverage Determinations and Associated Billing and Coding Articles - Effective January 22, 2026

Date Posted: January 22, 2026

The following Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) and associated Billing and Coding Articles have been revised under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Medicare Coverage Database Number	LCD Title and Revision Number
L36358	MoIDX: Biomarkers in Cardiovascular Risk Assessment - R11
L38331	MoIDX: Blood Product Molecular Antigen Typing - R6
L36380	MoIDX: Breast Cancer Assay: Prosigna® - R6
L37822	MoIDX: Breast Cancer Index® (BCI) Gene Expression Test - R6
L37070	MoIDX: DecisionDx-UM (Uveal Melanoma) - R7
L37295	MoIDX: EndoPredict® Breast Cancer Gene Expression Test - R7

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Medicare Coverage Database Number	LCD Title and Revision Number
L37887	MoIDX: Envisia™, Veracyte™, Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Diagnostic Test - R7
L39686	MoIDX: Gene Expression Profile Tests for Decision-Making in Castration Resistant and Metastatic Prostate Cancers - R1
L39944	MoIDX: Genetic Testing for Heritable Thoracic Aortic Disease - R1
L36155	MoIDX: Genetic Testing for Hypercoagulability / Thrombophilia (Factor V Leiden, Factor II Prothrombin, and MTHFR) - R6
L36551	MoIDX: HLA-DQB1*06:02 Testing for Narcolepsy - R6
L37897	MoIDX: Inivata™, InvisionFirst®, Liquid Biopsy for Patients with Lung Cancer - R5
L37750	MoIDX: Melanoma Risk Stratification Molecular Testing - R9
L36188	MoIDX: MGMT Promoter Methylation Analysis - R7
L39373	MoIDX: Molecular Assays for the Diagnosis of Cutaneous Melanoma - R2
L39589	MoIDX: Molecular Biomarker Testing for Risk Stratification of Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma - R1
L39467	MoIDX: Molecular Biomarker Testing to Guide Targeted Therapy Selection in Rheumatoid Arthritis - R3
L39678	MoIDX: Molecular Biomarkers for Risk Stratification of Indeterminate Pulmonary Nodules Following Bronchoscopy - R1
L39005	MoIDX: Molecular Biomarkers to Risk-Stratify Patients at Increased Risk for Prostate Cancer - R3
L39262	MoIDX: Molecular Testing for Detection of Upper Gastrointestinal Metaplasia, Dysplasia, and Neoplasia - R2

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Medicare Coverage Database Number	Billing and Coding Article Title and Revision Number
A57037	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Biomarkers in Cardiovascular Risk Assessment - R8
A57124	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Blood Product Molecular Antigen Typing - R6
A57363	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Breast Cancer Assay: Prosigna® - R4
A57773	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Breast Cancer Index® (BCI) Gene Expression Test - R4
A57621	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: DecisionDx-UM (Uveal Melanoma) - R5
A57607	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: EndoPredict® Breast Cancer Gene Expression Test - R5
A57419	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Envisia™, Veracyte™, Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Diagnostic Test - R6
A59513	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Gene Expression Profile Tests for Decision-Making in Castration Resistant and Metastatic Prostate Cancers - R1
A59868	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Genetic Testing for Heritable Thoracic Aortic Disease - R2
A57423	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Genetic Testing for Hypercoagulability / Thrombophilia (Factor V Leiden, Factor II Prothrombin, and MTHFR) - R6
A57441	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: HLA-DQB1*06:02 Testing for Narcolepsy - R3
A57664	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Inivata™, InvisionFirst®, Liquid Biopsy for Patients with Lung Cancer - R4
A57268	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Melanoma Risk Stratification Molecular Testing - R5
A57432	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: MGMT Promoter Methylation Analysis

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Medicare Coverage Database Number	Billing and Coding Article Title and Revision Number
A59179	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Molecular Assays for the Diagnosis of Cutaneous Melanoma - R4
A59386	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Molecular Biomarker Testing for Risk Stratification of Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma - R1
A59521	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Molecular Biomarker Testing to Guide Targeted Therapy Selection in Rheumatoid Arthritis - R4
A59505	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Molecular Biomarkers for Risk Stratification of Indeterminate Pulmonary Nodules Following Bronchoscopy - R1
A58718	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Molecular Biomarkers to Risk-Stratify Patients at Increased Risk for Prostate Cancer - R6
A59032	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Molecular Testing for Detection of Upper Gastrointestinal Metaplasia, Dysplasia, and Neoplasia - R2

Effective Date: January 22, 2026

Summary of Changes:

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

Added: JF contractor information

This update is to consolidate JE and JF to have one unified document and policy number.

Visit the Noridian [Molecular Diagnostic Services](#) webpage to view the [Active MoIDX](#) LCDs or access it via the [CMS MCD](#).

Policy Revision(s) for MoIDX Local Coverage Determinations and Associated Billing and Coding Articles - Effective February 5, 2026

Date Posted: February 5, 2026

The following Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) and associated Billing and Coding Articles have been revised under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

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Medicare Coverage Database Number	LCD Title and Revision Number
L38972	MoIDX: Lab-Developed Tests for Inherited Cancer Syndromes in Patients with Cancer - R2
L38814	MoIDX: Minimal Residual Disease Testing for Cancer - R1
L35160	MoIDX: Molecular Diagnostic Tests (MDT) - R18
L39001	MoIDX: Molecular Syndromic Panels for Infectious Disease Pathogen Identification Testing - R6
L39948	MoIDX: Molecular Testing for Identification and Management of Hereditary Transthyretin Amyloidosis - R1
L39682	MoIDX: Molecular Testing for Risk Stratification of Thyroid Nodules - R2
L38119	MoIDX: Next-Generation Sequencing for Solid Tumors - R3
L38123	MoIDX: Next-Generation Sequencing Lab-Developed Tests for Myeloid Malignancies and Suspected Myeloid Malignancies - R3
L39923	MoIDX: Non-Next Generation Sequencing Tests for the Diagnosis of BCR-ABL Negative Myeloproliferative Neoplasms - R3
L36335	MoIDX: NRAS Genetic Testing - R8
L36941	MoIDX: Oncotype DX® Breast Cancer for DCIS (Genomic Health™) - R6
L38643	MoIDX: Phenotypic Biomarker Detection from Circulating Tumor Cells - R3
L38151	MoIDX: Pigmented Lesion Assay - R3
L39230	MoIDX: Plasma-Based Genomic Profiling in Solid Tumors - R2
L38327	MoIDX: Predictive Classifiers for Early Stage Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer - R4

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Medicare Coverage Database Number	LCD Title and Revision Number
L38647	MoIDX: Prognostic and Predictive Molecular Classifiers for Bladder Cancer - R3
L37299	MoIDX: Prometheus® IBD sgi Diagnostic® Policy - R9
L38339	MoIDX: Prostate Cancer Genomic Classifier Assay for Men with Localized Disease - R4
L38351	MoIDX: Repeat Germline Testing - R3

Medicare Coverage Database Number	Billing and Coding Article Title and Revision Number
A58679	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Lab-Developed Tests for Inherited Cancer Syndromes in Patients with Cancer - R11
A58454	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Minimal Residual Disease Testing for Solid Tumor Cancers - R16
A58996	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Minimal Residual Disease Testing for Hematologic Cancers - R10
A57526	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Molecular Diagnostic Tests (MDT) - R27
A58720	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Molecular Syndromic Panels for Infectious Disease Pathogen Identification Testing - R33
A59872	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Molecular Testing for Identification and Management of Hereditary Transthyretin Amyloidosis - R2
A59509	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Molecular Testing for Risk Stratification of Thyroid Nodules - R1
A57901	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Next-Generation Sequencing for Solid Tumors - R8

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Medicare Coverage Database Number	Billing and Coding Article Title and Revision Number
A57891	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Next-Generation Sequencing Lab-Developed Tests for Myeloid Malignancies and Suspected Myeloid Malignancies - R11
A59835	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Non-Next Generation Sequencing Tests for the Diagnosis of BCR-ABL Negative Myeloproliferative Neoplasms - R2
A57486	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: NRAS Genetic Testing - R4
A57619	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Oncotype DX [®] Breast Cancer for DCIS (Genomic Health [™]) - R3
A58183	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Phenotypic Biomarker Detection from Circulating Tumor Cells - R6
A58052	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Pigmented Lesion Assay - R4
A58973	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Plasma-Based Genomic Profiling in Solid Tumors - R11
A57329	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Predictive Classifiers for Early Stage Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer - R6
A58181	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Prognostic and Predictive Molecular Classifiers for Bladder Cancer - R8
A57516	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Prometheus [®] IBD sgi Diagnostic [®] Policy - R5
A57372	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Prostate Cancer Genomic Classifier Assay for Men with Localized Disease - R5
A57331	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Repeat Germline Testing - R20

Effective Date: February 5, 2026

Summary of Changes:

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

Added: JF contractor information

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This update is to consolidate JE and JF to have one unified document and policy number.

Visit the Noridian [Molecular Diagnostic Services](#) webpage to view the [Active MoIDX LCDs](#) or access it via the [CMS MCD](#).

Policy Revision(s) for MoIDX Local Coverage Determinations and Associated Billing and Coding Articles - Effective March 5, 2026

Date Posted: March 5, 2026

The following Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) and associated Billing and Coding Articles have been revised under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Medicare Coverage Database Number	LCD Title and Revision Number
L38335	MoIDX: Pharmacogenomics Testing

Medicare Coverage Database Number	Billing and Coding Article Title and Revision Number
A57384	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Pharmacogenomics Testing

Effective Date: March 5, 2026

Summary of Changes:

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

Added: JF contractor information

This update is to consolidate JE and JF to have one unified document and policy number.

Visit the Noridian [Molecular Diagnostic Services](#) webpage to view the [Active MoIDX LCDs](#) or access it via the [CMS MCD](#).

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Policy Revision(s) for Multiple Billing and Coding Articles - Effective March 5, 2026

Date Posted: March 5, 2026

The following Billing and Coding Articles have been revised under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Medicare Coverage Database Number	Billing and Coding Article Title and Revision Number
A53296	Billing and Coding: Wound Care and Debridement - Provided by a Therapist, Physician, NPP, or as Incident-to Services - R8

Effective Date: March 5, 2026

Summary of Changes:

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

Added: JF contractor information

This update is to consolidate JE and JF to have one unified document and policy number.

Visit the Noridian [Billing and Coding Articles](#) webpage to view the complete listing of Billing and Coding articles and/or access the Active, Future, or Retired articles available in the CMS MCD.

Policy Revision(s) for Multiple MoIDX Billing and Coding Articles - Effective February 19, 2026

Date Posted: February 19, 2026

The following Billing and Coding Articles have been revised under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Medicare Coverage Database Number	Billing and Coding Article Title and Revision Number
A55711	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Abbott RealTime IDH1 and IDH2 testing for Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) - R8
A54975	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia/Cardiomyopathy (ARVD/C) Testing - R6

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Medicare Coverage Database Number	Billing and Coding Article Title and Revision Number
A55595	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: BCR-ABL - R6
A54386	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: bioTheranostics Cancer TYPE ID® Update - R12
A55115	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: BluePrint® Test - R5
A54418	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: FDA-Approved BRAF Tests - R9
A54422	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: FDA-Approved EGFR Tests - R7
A59641	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Proteomics Testing - R13
A54498	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: FDA-Approved KRAS Tests - R9
A54422	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Germline testing for use of PARP inhibitors - R7
A57970	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: HLA Testing for Transplant Histocompatibility - R4
A55264	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: HTTLPR Gene Testing - R4
A54445	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: MammaPrint - R9
A56103	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Microsatellite Instability-High (MSI-H) and Mismatch Repair Deficient (dMMR) Biomarker for Patients with Unresectable or Metastatic Solid Tumors - R5
A54480	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Oncotype DX® Breast Cancer Assay - R6
A54484	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Oncotype DX® Colon Cancer - R5
A55597	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: PIK3CA Gene Tests - R8
A55623	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: SEPT9 Gene Test - R4
A57842	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Short Tandem Repeat (STR) Markers and Chimerism (CPTÂ® codes 81265-81268) - R4
A55596	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: SULT4A1 Genetic Testing - R4

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Medicare Coverage Database Number	Billing and Coding Article Title and Revision Number
A55624	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Targeted and Comprehensive Genomic Profile Testing in Cancer - R11
A58120	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: Testing of Multiple Genes - R4
A58673	MoIDX: Algorithm definition as a component of a laboratory test - R3
A59743	MoIDX: Clarification of Order Requirements for Laboratory and Molecular Diagnostic services - R2
A59685	MoIDX: Defining panel services in MoIDX - R1

Effective Date: February 19, 2026

Summary of Changes:

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

Added: JF contractor information

This update is to consolidate JE and JF to have one unified document and policy number.

Visit the Noridian [Active MoIDX Billing and Coding Articles and Educational Articles](#) or the [Active MoIDX LCDs](#) webpage to view the Billing and Coding article or access it via the CMS [MCD](#).

Post Market Studies and Post Market Extension Studies - Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty (PTA) with Carotid Stenting and Embolic Protection

This article has been published under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

The Noridian Contractor Medical Directors (CMDs) have published the following Medical Director Education Article on our website:

- Post Market Studies and Post Market Extension Studies - Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty (PTA) with Carotid Stenting and Embolic Protection

Visit the Noridian [Medical Director Education Articles](#) webpage to view the document.

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Sacroiliac Joint Injections and Procedures (L39462) - R1 - Effective March 19, 2023

Date Posted: February 5, 2026

This Local Coverage Determination (LCD) has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: March 19, 2023

Summary of Changes:

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:

Added: A different procedure called cryoanalgesia, has been proposed for SIJ pain.

Visit the Noridian [Active LCDs](#) webpage to view the Active LCD or access it via the CMS [MCD](#).

Self-Administered Drug Exclusion List (A53032) - R44 - Effective January 1, 2026

Date Posted: January 2, 2026

This billing and coding article has been revised and published for notice under contract numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Summary of Changes:

EXCLUDED CPT/HCPCS CODES:

Deleted: J2940 Somatrem, 1 mg (Protopin); J3355 Urofollitropin, 75 IU (Metrodin, Bravelle, Ferinex); and J9212 Interferon Alfacon-1, Recombinant, 1 microgram (Infergen)

NON-EXCLUDED CPT/HCPCS CODES:

Deleted: J1562 Injection, Immune Globulin (Vivaglobin), 100 mg

Visit the [Self-Administered Drugs \(SADs\)](#) webpage to view the Self-Administered Drug Exclusion List.

To view the complete listing of billing and coding articles and/or access the Active, Future, or Retired articles available in the CMS MCD, visit the [Billing and Coding Articles](#) webpage.

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Superficial Radiation Therapy (SRT) for the Treatment of Nonmelanoma Skin Cancers (NMSC) Final LCD - Effective March 1, 2026

Date Posted: January 15, 2026

This Local Coverage Determination (LCD) has completed the Open Public Meeting and Contractor Advisory Committee (CAC) comment period and is now finalized under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories). Responses to comments received may be found as a link at the bottom of the final LCD.

Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) Number/Contractor Determination Number:
L40176

LCD Title: Superficial Radiation Therapy (SRT) for the Treatment of Nonmelanoma Skin Cancers (NMSC)

Effective Date: March 1, 2026

Summary of LCD: This Local Coverage Determination (LCD) has been developed to create a policy consistent with current evidence for the treatment of nonmelanoma skin cancers (NMSCs) with superficial radiation therapy (SRT) and addresses a variation of SRT utilizing High-Resolution Ultrasound (HRUS) guidance, and electronic brachytherapy (EBT), for the treatment of nonmelanoma skin cancers (NMSCs). This LCD outlines limited coverage for SRT with specific details under Coverage Indications, Limitations and/or Medical Necessity.

Visit the [Proposed LCDs](#) webpage to access this LCD.

Superficial Radiation Therapy (SRT) for the Treatment of Nonmelanoma Skin Cancers (NMSC) (L40176) - R1 - Effective March 1, 2026

Date Posted: March 19, 2026

This Local Coverage Determination (LCD) has been revised under contractor numbers: 01111 (CA), 01211 (AS, GU, HI, NMI), 01311 (NV), and 01911 (CA, HI & Territories).

Effective Date: March 1, 2026

Summary of Changes:

Under **Coverage Indications, Limitations and/or Medical Necessity**, revised the sentence from “A qualified physician for this service is defined as follows: training and expertise must have been acquired within the framework of an accredited residency and/or fellowship program in the applicable specialty/subspecialty (i.e., Radiation Oncology OR by a qualified dermatology program of training with didactic and clinical experience in radiation treatment).” to “A qualified physician for this service is defined as follows:

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training and expertise must have been acquired within the framework of an accredited residency and/or fellowship program in the applicable specialty/subspecialty (i.e., Radiation Oncology OR by a qualified dermatology program and the dermatologist has didactic and clinical experience in radiation treatment).”

Visit the Noridian [Active LCDs](#) webpage to view the Active LCD or access it via the CMS [MCD](#).

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- CMS Announces Establishment of the Office of Rural Health Transformation
- New CMS LEAD Model Aims to Expand Access to Accountable Care, Improve Health Outcomes
- CMS Proposed Model Test Would Lower Certain Medicare Part B Prescription Drugs
- CMS Proposed Model Test Would Lower Drugs Costs for Medicare Part D
- CMS BALANCE Model Aims to Expand Access to GLP-1 Medications for People with Medicare Part D & Medicaid
- Transparency in Coverage Proposed Rule
- Final Local Coverage Determinations for Certain Skin Substitutes Withdrawn
- Physicians & Non-Physicians: Comment on Medicare Enrollment Application by February 17
- Hospitals: Submit Data for OPPS Drug Acquisition Cost Survey by March 31
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Claims, Pricers & Codes

- ICD-10-PCS: CMS Announces 80 New Codes, Effective April 1
- Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files & Revisions: January Update
- National Correct Coding Initiative: January Update
- Updated ICD-10 Medicare Severity Diagnosis-Related Group Version 43.1

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AKI & ESRD Billing: Ending the AX Modifier Requirement

Related CR Release Date: January 28, 2026

MLN Matters Number: MM14354

Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Related Change Request (CR) Number: CR 14354

Implementation Date: July 6, 2026

Related CR Transmittal Number: R13588CP

CR 14354 tells you about:

- ESRD facilities don't need to submit the AX modifier on claims eligible for certain add-on payment adjustments under the ESRD PPS
- ESRD facilities must adhere to new billing instructions for hemodiafiltration and Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) claims

Make sure your billing staff knows about these updates, starting July 1, 2026, to billing instructions for ESRD Prospective Payment System (PPS) claims and to the [Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 8](#), sections 20, 40, and 50.

View the complete [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Matters \(MM\)14354](#).

Cardiac Contractility Modulation for Heart Failure - Revised

Number: 14311 Revised

Release Date: March 9, 2026

Effective Date: October 28, 2025

Implementation Date: April 6, 2026

Transmittal Numbers: R13538CP, R13538NCD, R13672CP & R13672NCD

What's Changed? CMS revised this article to add 4 additional place of service codes for professional claims processing. CMS also updated the CR release date, transmittal numbers, and transmittal links. Substantive content changes are in dark red (pages 5 and 6).

CR 14311 tells you about:

- Criteria
- Coverage with evidence development (CED) study criteria
- Claims processing requirements

Make sure your billing staff knows about national coverage for cardiac contractility modulation (CCM).

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View the complete [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Matters \(MM\)14311](#).

CAR T-Cell Therapy Billing Instructions: Medicare Claims Processing Manual Update

Related CR Release Date: December 23, 2025

MLN Matters Number: MM14247

Effective Date: October 1, 2025

Related Change Request (CR) Number: CR 14247

Implementation Date: January 26, 2026

Related CR Transmittal Number: R13460CP

CR 14247 acknowledges:

- CMS adjusted the payment for claims that group to Medicare Severity Diagnosis-Related Group (MS-DRG) 018 when:
 - The case involves a clinical trial for Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy
 - There's expanded access use of CAR T-cell therapy or another immunotherapy product
 - You don't purchase the CAR T-cell therapy product in the usual manner, such as obtaining it at no cost
- CMA won't apply a payment adjustment to claims that group to MS-DRG 018 when the case involves a clinical trial of a different product

Make sure your billing staff knows about the billing instruction updates and payment requirement scenarios in the [Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 32](#), section 400.3.

View the complete [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Matters \(MM\)14247](#).

CLFS & Laboratory Services Subject to Reasonable Charge Payment: April 2026 Update

Number: 14371

Release Date: February 20, 2026

Effective Date: April 1, 2026

Implementation Date: April 6, 2026

Transmittal Number: R13639CP

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CR 14371 tells you about:

- The next data reporting period for clinical diagnostic laboratory tests (CDLTs)
- New CPT codes, effective April 1, 2026

Make sure your billing staff knows about Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS) updates

View the complete [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Matters \(MM\)14371](#).

DMEPOS Fee Schedule: CY 2026 Update

Related CR Release Date: December 19, 2025

MLN Matters Number: MM14326

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Related Change Request (CR) Number: CR 14326

Implementation Date: January 5, 2026

Related CR Transmittal Number: R13519CP

CR 14326 tells you about:

- Fees for new codes
- Annual covered item fee updates

Make sure your billing staff knows about the updated payment policies to the DMEPOS fee schedule effective January 1, 2026.

View the complete [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Matters \(MM\)14326](#).

ESRD & AKI Dialysis: CY 2026 Update

Related CR Release Date: December 31, 2025

MLN Matters Number: MM14313

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Related Change Request (CR) Number: CR 14313

Implementation Date: January 5, 2026

Related CR Transmittal Number: R13516BP

CR 14313 tells you about:

- Base rate, labor-related share, and wage index
- Outlier and rural adjustment transition policies

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- Transitional drug add-on payment adjustment (TDAPA) and post-TDAPA add-on payment adjustment amounts

Make sure your billing staff knows about updates to the ESRD Prospective Payment System (PPS) and Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) dialysis payment, effective January 1, 2026.

View the complete [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Matters \(MM\)14313](#).

Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: January 2026 Update

Related CR Release Date: January 28, 2026

MLN Matters Number: MM14361

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Related Change Request (CR) Number: CR 14361

Implementation Date: January 5, 2026

Related CR Transmittal Number: R13573CP

CR 14361 tells you about:

- Coding
- Device pass-through status
- Comprehensive ambulatory payment classification (APC)
- Drugs, biologicals, and pharmaceuticals
- OPSS Pricer logic

Make sure your billing staff knows about these Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) updates, effective January 1, 2026.

View the complete [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Matters \(MM\)14361](#).

ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to National Coverage Determinations: July 2026 Update

Related CR Release Date: February 5, 2026

MLN Matters Number: MM14356

Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Related Change Request (CR) Number: CR 14356

Implementation Date: July 6, 2026

Related CR Transmittal Number: R13623OTN

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CR 14356 tells you about updates to National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) with new or deleted ICD-10 diagnosis codes, effective July 1, 2026.

Make sure your billing staff know about these changes.

View the complete [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Matters \(MM\)14356](#).

ICD-10 & Other Coding Revisions to NCDs: April 2026 Update - Revised

Numbers: 14263 Revised & 14394

Release Dates: December 5, 2025 & March 5, 2026

Effective Date: April 1, 2026

Implementation Date: April 6, 2026

Transmittal Numbers: R13455OTN & R13665CP

What's Changed? CMS added a link to the Medicare Claims Processing Manual update. CMS also added the CR 14394 release date, transmittal number, and transmittal link. Substantive content changes are in dark red (page 2).

CR 14263 provides a quarterly maintenance update of ICD-10 coding conversions and other coding updates specific to NCDs. No policy is being changed because of these updates.

Make sure your billing staff knows about the CPT additions to National Coverage Determination (NCD): Sacral Nerve Stimulation for Urinary Incontinence (230.18), effective June 17, 2025.

View the complete [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Matters \(MM\)14263](#).

Laboratory National Coverage Determination Edit Software: January 2026 Update

Related CR Release Date: December 17, 2025

MLN Matters Number: MM14226

Effective Date: January 1, 2026, unless noted otherwise in requirements

Related Change Request (CR) Number: CR 14226

Implementation Date: January 5, 2026

Related CR Transmittal Number: R13404CP

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CR 14226 announces the changes that will be included in the January 2026 quarterly release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services. This Recurring Update Notification applies to Chapter 16, Section 120.2, Publication 100-04.

Make sure your billing staff knows about National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) with added ICD-10-CM codes.

View the complete [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Matters \(MM\)14226](#).

Method II CAH: Professional Billing Requirements for Emergency Department Services

Number: 14342

Release Date: January 23, 2026

Effective Date: April 24, 2026

Implementation Date: April 24, 2026

Transmittal Number: R13592CP

CR 14342 provides clarification for Method II Critical Access Hospital (CAH) physicians that have reassigned their benefits for services rendered in an emergency department.

Make sure your billing staff knows about the correct billing requirements for Method II CAH providers performing professional emergency department (ED) procedures.

View the complete [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Matters \(MM\)14342](#).

Payment for Medicare Part B Preventive Vaccines & Their Administration for RHCs & FQHCs - Revised

Related CR Release Dates: January 16, 2025 & December 18, 2025

MLN Matters Number: MM13923 Revised

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Related Change Request (CR) Numbers: CR 13923 & CR 14254

Implementation Date: July 7, 2025

Related CR Transmittal Numbers: R13055CP, R13547BP & R13547CP

What's Changed? CMS added links to the additional manual updates from CR 14254; clarified reimbursement after cost reporting; and updated the CR release dates, transmittal numbers, and transmittal links.

CR 13923 tells you about:

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- Hepatitis B vaccines are paid like other Medicare Part B preventive vaccines starting January 1, 2025
- New claim-based payments for Part B preventive vaccines and their administration are starting July 1, 2025
- Updates to the Medicare Claims Processing and Benefit Policy manuals

Make sure your billing staff knows about the vaccine payment policies for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).

View the complete [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Matters \(MM\)13923](#).

Travel Allowance Fees for Specimen Collection: CY 2026 Updates

Number: 14345

Release Date: January 8, 2026

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

Implementation Date: January 5, 2026

Transmittal Number: R13576CP

CR 14345 tells you about:

- Revised payment allowances for HCPCS code P9603
- Updated general specimen collection fee and travel allowance rate
- HCPCS and CPT codes that describe specimen collection

Make sure your billing staff knows about these updates, effective January 1, 2026.

View the complete [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Matters \(MM\)14345](#).

Vaccine Administration National Fee Schedule: April 2026 Update

Number: 14390

Release Date: February 20, 2026

Effective Date: April 1, 2026

Implementation Date: April 6, 2026

Transmittal Number: R13636CP

CR 14390 provides instructions for the Medicare contractors to download, test, and implement the National Fee Schedule for Vaccine Administration Quarterly Update (VAXA) for April 2026. The rates from the VAXA file will be applied to preventive service and monoclonal antibody claims beginning April 1, 2026.

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Make sure your billing staff knows about coding updates for TYENNE® (tocilizumab-aazg) for intravenous

administration in hospitalized adults with COVID-19.

View the complete [CMS Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Matters \(MM\)14390](#).

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[Provider Contact Center \(PCC\)](#) - View hours of availability, call flow, authentication details and customer service areas of assistance.

[Email Addresses](#) - Providers may submit emails to Noridian for answers regarding basic Medicare regulations and coverage information. View this page for details and request form.

[Fax Numbers](#) - View fax numbers and submission guidelines.

[Holiday Schedule](#) - View holiday dates that Noridian operations, including PCC phone lines, will be unavailable for customer service.

[Interactive Voice Response \(IVR\)](#) - View conversion tool and information on how to use IVR and what information is available through system. General IVR inquiries available 24/7.

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All Medicare providers need to be aware that the acceptance of a voluntary refund as repayment for the claims specified in no way affects or limits the rights of the Federal Government, or any of its agencies or agents, to pursue any appropriate criminal, civil, or administrative remedies arising from or relating to these or any other claims.

Background

Medicare carriers and intermediaries and A/B MACs receive unsolicited or voluntary refunds from providers. These voluntary refunds are not related to any open accounts receivable. Providers billing intermediaries typically make these refunds by submitting adjustment bills, but they occasionally submit refunds via check. Providers billing carriers usually send these voluntary refunds by check.

Related Change Request (CR) 3274 is intended mainly to provide a detailed set of instructions for Medicare carriers and intermediaries regarding the handling and reporting of such refunds. The implementation and effective dates of that CR apply to the carriers and intermediaries. But, the important message for providers is that the submission of such a refund related to Medicare claims in no way limits the rights of the Federal Government, or any of its agencies or agents, to pursue any appropriate criminal, civil, or administrative remedies arising from or relating to those or any other claims.

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Additional Information

The official CMS CR3274 instruction may be viewed in the Medicare Learning Network (MLN) Matters article [MM3274](#).

Effective Date: January 1, 2005

Implementation Date: January 4, 2005

Sources: Transmittal 50, CR 3247 dated July 30, 2004; Internet Only Manual (IOM) Medicare Financial Management Manual, Publication 100-06, Chapter 5, Section 410

Do Not Forward Initiative Reminder

The Internet Only Manual (IOM) Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Publication 100-04 instructs Part A and Part B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) and carriers to use “return service requested” envelopes when mailing paper checks and remittance advices to providers.

When the post office returns a “return service requested” envelope, the A/B MAC/carrier applies a “do not forward” (DNF) flag to the provider's Medicare enrollment file. The A/B MAC/carrier will not generate any additional checks for that provider until the provider sends a properly completed change of address form back to the A/B MAC/carrier. We are not required to contact the provider to notify them that the flag has been added to their file.

Upon verifying the new address, the A/B MAC/carrier removes the DNF flag and can again generate payments for the provider. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is required; therefore, when the address change update is completed, the provider will be set up to use EFT and will no longer receive paper checks.

Note: Because many providers get paid through EFT, there may be cases where a provider does not have a correct address on file, but the A/B MAC/carrier continues to pay the provider through EFT. It is still the provider's responsibility to submit and address change update so that remittance notices and special checks would be sent to the proper address.

Noridian encourages providers to enroll or make changes using Internet-based Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) for faster processing time.

Applications and changes completed online currently have an average processing time of 10 days. All Medicare providers may use the new enrollment process on the CMS [Medicare Enrollment](#) website. To log into this internet-based PECOS, providers will use their NPI Userid and password.

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Policy

Effective October 1, 2002, A/B MACs/carriers must use “return service requested” envelopes for hardcopy remittance advices and checks, with respect to providers that have elected to receive hardcopy remittance advices. (PM B-02-023, CR 2038 dated April 12, 2002; Transmittal 1794, CR 2684 dated May 2, 2003)

Implementation Process

1. “Return service requested” envelopes are used for all hardcopy remittance advices starting October 1, 2002. These envelopes will be used for all providers.
2. “Return service requested” envelopes will not be used for beneficiary correspondence, such as Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs) or for overpayment demand letters.
3. When the post office returns a remittance advice due to an incorrect address, A/B MACs/carriers will follow the same procedures as followed for returned checks, that is:
 - Flag the provider’s file DNF.
 - A/B MAC/carrier staff will notify provider enrollment team.
 - A/B MAC/carriers will cease generating any further payments or remittance advice to that provider or supplier until furnished with a new, verified address.
4. When the provider establishes a new, verified address, A/B MACs/carriers will remove the DNF flag and pay the provider any funds which are still being held due to a DNF flag. A/B MAC/carriers must also reissue any remittance advices, which have been held.
5. Previously, CMS only required corrections to the “pay to” address. However, with the implementation of this initiative, CMS requires corrections to all addresses before the contractor can remove the DNF flag and begin paying the provider or supplier again. Therefore, A/B MAC/carriers cannot release any payments to DNF providers until the provider enrollment department has verified and updated all addresses for that provider's location.

IRS-1099 Reporting

Provider or supplier checks returned and voided during the same year they were issued are not reported on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1099 until the returned check is reissued (i.e., the DNF flag is removed and the A/B MAC/carrier reissues payment to the provider.) Checks returned and voided in the current year that were issued in prior years are not netted from the current year's IRS Form 1099.

Monies withheld because a DNF flag exists on a provider or supplier record are not reported on IRS-1099s until the calendar year in which payment is made (i.e., the point

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at which the A/B MAC/carrier pays the provider once the DNF flag is removed.) If DNF amounts are erroneously included on IRS-1099 forms, A/B MACs/carriers will issue corrected IRS Form 1099s to affected providers.

Source: IOM Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Publication 100-04, Chapter 22, Section 50.1

Jurisdiction E Part A Quarterly Ask the Contractor Meetings (ACM)

ACMs are designed to open communication between providers and Noridian, which allows for timely identification of problems, and sharing information in an informal and interactive question and answer (Q&A) format. No Personal Health Information (PHI) is allowed.

Noridian representatives from various Part A departments are available to address your Medicare questions and concerns. All questions are entertained and the Q&As are posted on our website for provider convenience.

ACM dates, times, toll-free number, and Q&As are available on the [Jurisdiction E Part A Ask the Contractor Meetings \(ACM\)](#) webpage.

Attendees must register through a free web-based training tool (GoToWebinar) which requires an Internet connection and a toll-free telephone number (provided in confirmation email). Allow email registrations@noridian.com. Unless otherwise specified, ACMs are general in nature. No CEUs are provided.

By completing and submitting the Noridian Part A [ACM Question Submission Form](#), providers may ask question(s), up to five (5) days prior, to be answered during the next ACM. Questions submitted with this form will be answered first. Lines will then be opened for additional questions, as time permits. **Do not include any Personal Health Information (PHI) or claim specific inquiries on this form. If you have claim specific questions, contact the Provider Contact Center.**

We look forward to your participation in these important calls.

Medicare Part A ACMs do not address Medicare Part B or Durable Medical Equipment (DME) inquiries.

If you are interested in attending a Part B or a DME ACM, select the appropriate link below for more information.

- [Jurisdiction E Part B ACMs](#)
- [Jurisdiction D DME ACMs](#)
- [Jurisdiction A DME ACMs](#)