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September 2019

Contract	Title	CMS MCD Policy #	WPS Policy #	Effective Date
J5/J8	Billing and Coding: Corneal Hysteresis	A56910	NA	10/14/2019
J5/J8	Billing and Coding: Immunizations	A56900	NA	07/701/2019
J5/J8	Corneal Hysteresis	L38211	OPHTH-058	10/14/2019
J5/J8	New Billing and Coding Articles	See Below	NA	08/29/2019
WPS developed the following New Billing and Coding articles due to Change Request 10901 Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs). WPS removed the CPT/HCPCS, ICD-10 codes, and Billing and Coding Guidelines from the current LCDs and placed them in an associated Billing and Coding article. A link to the LCD is located at the bottom of the article under Related Local Coverage Documents.				
		CMS MCD Policy #	Article Name	
		A56908	Billing and Coding: Blepharoplasty, Blepharoptosis and Brow Lift	
		A56907	Billing and Coding: Bisphosphonate Drug Therapy	

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	A56902	Billing and Coding: Category III Codes		
	A56903	Billing and Coding: Polysomnography and Other Sleep Studies		
	A56904	Billing and Coding: Vertebroplasty (Percutaneous) and Vertebral Augmentation including cavity creation		
	A56905	Billing and Coding: Surgical Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)		
	A56909	Billing and Coding: Trigger Points, Local Injections		
	A56914	Billing and Coding: Treatment of Varicose Veins of the Lower Extremities		
	A56915	Billing and Coding: Drug Testing		
	A56916	Billing and Coding: Scanning Computerized Ophthalmic Diagnostic Imaging (SCODI)		
	A56901	Billing and Coding: MoIDX: APC and MUTYH Gene Testing		

August 2019

Contract	Title	CMS MCD Policy #	WPS Policy #	Effective Date
J5/J8	Billing and Coding: Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents (ESAs)	A56795	NA	08/01/2019
	All CPT/HCPCS, ICD-10 codes and Billing and Coding Guidelines have been removed from the LCD L34633 and placed in this article which will efficiently support the billing and coding guidance that was in L34633.			
	There will not be a lapse in coverage.			

July 2019

Contract	Title	CMS MCD Policy #	WPS Policy #	Effective Date
J5/J8	Billing and Coding for MoIDX: DecisionDX-Melanoma LCD	A56636	NA	08/12/2019
J5/J8	Billing and Coding: Foodborne Gastrointestinal Panels Identified by Multiplex Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAATs)	A56637	NA	06/27/2019
J5/J8	MoIDX: DecisionDX-Melanoma	L38018	MoIDX-055	08/12/2019

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J5/J8	Corneal Hysteresis	A54957	NA	10/13/2019
	This coverage article is retiring effective 10/13/2019 due to the development of a new Local Coverage Determination L38211 Corneal Hysteresis and associated Billing and Coding Article which are effective 10/14/2019.			
J5/J8	High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) in the Treatment of Recurrent Prostate Cancer	A56019	NA	10/17/2019
	This article is being retired 10/17/2019 as data collection has been completed.			

August 2019 – We retired no policies/articles for August 2019

July 2019 – We retired no policies/articles for July 2019

REVISED POLICIES/ARTICLES

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	Group 6 Paragraph: Anemia associated with chemotherapeutic medications when medically necessary for a non-cancer diagnosis or following stem cell transplantation and associated immunosuppression.			
	Added Q5106 Epoetin alfa, biosimilar to three diagnoses are necessary for J0881, J0885, or Q5106.			

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	Group 7 Paragraph: Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) Added Q5106 Epoetin alfa, biosimilar for J0881, J0885, or Q5106.																											
J5/J8	CR 10901 LCD Revisions	See Below	NA	08/29/2019																								
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August 2019

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J5/J8	Category III Codes	L35490	PHYS-084	07/01/2019
	<p>Information from the Utilization Guidelines has been reformatted/relocated. CPT/HCPCS codes: Created CPT Group 5 Paragraph: Implantation of a transperineal periurethral balloon continence device is indicated for the treatment of adult men who have stress urinary incontinence arising from intrinsic sphincter deficiency of at least twelve months duration following radical prostatectomy or transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP) and who have failed to respond adequately to conservative therapy. Documentation must support that the patient has had a prostatectomy or transurethral resection of the prostate more than 12 months prior to placement of the device(s). CPT codes 0551T is only separately payable outside of the global period for 0548T and 0549T. Coverage will only be allowed when the service is delivered in clinical situations meeting medical necessity.</p> <p>Created CPT Group 5 Table to include: 0548T Transperineal periurethral balloon continence device; bilateral placement, including cystoscopy and fluoroscopy 0549T Transperineal periurethral balloon continence device; unilateral placement, including cystoscopy and fluoroscopy 0550T Transperineal periurethral balloon continence device; removal, each balloon 0551T Transperineal periurethral balloon continence device; adjustment of balloon(s) fluid volume.</p> <p>Removed duplicative language about CPT code C9746. No change to content or coverage effective date.</p>			
J5/J8	Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents (ESAs)	L34633	INJ-023	08/01/2019
	<p>Change Request 10901 Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs): it will no longer be appropriate to include Current Procedure Terminology (CPT)/Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes or International Classification of Diseases Tenth Revision-Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) codes in the LCDs.</p> <p>All CPT/HCPCS, ICD-10 codes and Billing and Coding Guidelines have been removed from this LCD and placed in Billing and Coding: Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents (ESAs) linked to the LCD L34633.</p>			

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	<p>Consistent with Change Request 10901 language from IOMs and/or regulations has been removed and the applicable manual/regulation has been reference.</p> <p>Group A: End stage Renal Disease (ESRD) ON dialysis: removed Epoetin alfa/ Epoetin beta/Darbepoetin alfa/Epoetin alfa-epbx (biosimilar).</p> <p>Group B: Chronic Kidney Disease NOT on dialysis: removed Epoetin alfa/ Epoetin beta/Darbepoetin alfa/ Epoetin alfa-epbx (biosimilar).</p> <p>There will not be a lapse in coverage.</p>																							
J5/J8	<p>Immune Globulins</p> <p>Added ICD-10 codes that support medical necessity to Group 12 table based on CR 11295: Update to Coverage of Intravenous Immune Globulin for Treatment of Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases in the Home.</p> <p>D80.6 Antibody deficiency with near normal immunoglobulins or hyperimmunoglobulinemia D80.7 Transient hypogammaglobulinemia of infancy D81.5 PNP deficiency D82.1 Di George’s syndrome D82.4 Hyperimmunoglobulin E syndrome G11.3 Cerebellar Ataxia with defective DNA repair</p>	L34771	INJ-012	08/13/2019																				
J5/J8	<p>MoIDX: Molecular Diagnostic Tests (MDT)</p> <p>The following codes were removed from the list of CPT/HCPS codes. These codes do not require a DEX Z-Code™ identifier.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="354 1171 1019 1885"> <tbody> <tr> <td>0051U</td> <td>Rx mntr lc-ms/ms ur 31 pnl</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0052U</td> <td>Lpoprtn bld w/5 maj classes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0054U</td> <td>Rx mntr 14+ drugs & sbsts</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0061U</td> <td>Tc meas 5 bmrk sfdi m-s alys</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0064U</td> <td>Antb tp total&rpr ia qual</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0065U</td> <td>Syfls tst nontreponemal antb</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0066U</td> <td>Pamg-1 ia cervico-vag fluid</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0068U</td> <td>Candida species pnl amp prb</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0082U</td> <td>Rx test def 90+ rx/sbsts ur</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0083U</td> <td>Onc rspse chemo cntrst tomog</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	0051U	Rx mntr lc-ms/ms ur 31 pnl	0052U	Lpoprtn bld w/5 maj classes	0054U	Rx mntr 14+ drugs & sbsts	0061U	Tc meas 5 bmrk sfdi m-s alys	0064U	Antb tp total&rpr ia qual	0065U	Syfls tst nontreponemal antb	0066U	Pamg-1 ia cervico-vag fluid	0068U	Candida species pnl amp prb	0082U	Rx test def 90+ rx/sbsts ur	0083U	Onc rspse chemo cntrst tomog	L36807	MoIDX-004	01/01/2019
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J5/J8	Billing and Coding: Frequency of Hemodialysis	A55703	NA	07/01/2019
<p>Article revised and published consistent with Change Request 10901 Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs).</p> <p>It will no longer be appropriate to include Current Procedure Terminology (CPT)/Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes or International Classification of Diseases Tenth Revision-Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) codes in the LCDs.</p> <p>All CPT/HCPCS and ICD-10 codes have been removed from LCD L37537 Frequency of Hemodialysis (MAC A) and placed in A55703 Billing and Coding: Frequency of Hemodialysis (please note title change) linked to the L37537.</p> <p>There will not be a lapse in coverage.</p>				
J5/J8	Category III Codes	L35490	PHYS-084	07/01/2019
<p>Utilization Guidelines added: 0548T - 0551T: Implantation of a transperineal periurethral balloon continence device is indicated for the treatment of adult men who have stress urinary incontinence arising from intrinsic sphincter deficiency of at least twelve months duration following radical prostatectomy or transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP) and who have failed to respond adequately to conservative therapy. Documentation must support that the patient has had a prostatectomy or transurethral resection of the prostate more than 12 months prior to placement of the device(s). CPT codes 0551T is only separately payable outside of the global period for 0548T and 0549T. Coverage will only be allowed when the service is delivered in clinical situations meeting medical necessity.</p> <p>HCPCS code C9746 (Transperineal implantation of permanent adjustable balloon continence device, with cystourethroscopy, when performed and/or fluoroscopy, when performed), which was effective July 1, 2017, was deleted June 30, 2019.</p> <p>C9746 has been replaced with CPT code 0548T and 0549T effective July 1, 2019. CPT Codes 0548T, 0459T, 0450T and 0551T and descriptions added.</p> <p>0548T Transperineal periurethral balloon continence device; bilateral placement, including cystoscopy and fluoroscopy 0549T Transperineal periurethral balloon continence device; unilateral placement, including cystoscopy and fluoroscopy 0550T Transperineal periurethral balloon continence device; removal, each balloon 0551T Transperineal periurethral balloon continence device; adjustment of balloon(s) fluid volume.</p>				

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	<p>Refer to Change Request (CR) 11293: Quarterly Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) - July 2019 Update and Change Request (CR) 11328: July 2019 Update of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System.</p> <p>Created Group 6 ICD-10 code table to include the following ICD-10 codes for CPT codes 0458T-0451T: N39.3 Stress incontinence (female) (male) N39.42 Incontinence without sensory awareness N39.43 Post-void dribbling N39.44 Nocturnal enuresis N39.45 Continuous leakage N39.46 Mixed incontinence N39.490 Overflow incontinence N39.491 Coital Incontinence N39.492 Postural (urinary) incontinence N39.498 Other specified urinary incontinence Please refer to Utilization Guidelines for additional information.</p>			
J5/J8	<p>Foodborne Gastrointestinal Panels Identified by Multiplex Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAATs)</p> <p>The following codes were added to this LCD:</p> <p>A04.9 – Bacterial intestinal infection, unspecified A09 – Infectious gastroenteritis and colitis, unspecified R19.7 – Diarrhea, unspecified</p> <p>All CPT/HCPS and ICD-10 codes were then removed from this LCD and placed in a new billing and coding article due to Change Request 10901. See A56637 Billing and Coding: Foodborne Gastrointestinal Panels Identified by Multiplex Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAATs).</p>	L37766	MoIDX-043	06/27/2019
J5/J8 (Part A)	<p>Frequency of Hemodialysis</p> <p>LCD revised and published consistent with Change Request 10901 Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs).</p> <p>Removed language from CMS Internet Only Manuals (IOM) and/or regulations and list applicable manual/regulation reference and to remove all CPT/HCPCS and ICD-10 diagnosis codes.</p> <p>IOM references have been updated and all codes have been placed in the companion Local Coverage Article A55703 Billing and Coding: Frequency of Hemodialysis.</p> <p>Bibliography reformatted: placed into numerical order.</p>	L37537	RENAL-001	07/01/2019

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	There will not be a lapse in coverage and there has been no change to the coverage content of this LCD.															
J5/J8	MoIDX: MammaPrint Billing and Coding Guidelines Update	A55175	NA	06/27/2019												
	<p>The following information was added to this article:</p> <p><i>MammaPrint® is a qualitative in vitro diagnostic test service, performed in a single laboratory, using the gene expression profile of FFPE breast cancer tissue samples to assess a patients' risk for distant metastasis.</i></p> <p>MammaPrint was prospectively validated in the 6,693 patient MINDACT trial in early stage breast cancer, <5cm up to 3 positive lymph nodes and independent of receptor status.</p> <p>The FDA decision information was removed.</p>															
J5/J8	MoIDX: PIK3CA Gene Tests Coding and Billing Guidelines	A55200	NA	05/24/2019												
	<p>The following statement and ICD-10 Codes have been added to update coverage of a new FDA approved drug that requires PIK3CA testing:</p> <p>Added after Article Text:</p> <p>The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Piqray (alpelisib) tablets, to be used in combination with the FDA-approved endocrine therapy fulvestrant, to treat postmenopausal women, and men, with hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative, PIK3CA-mutated, advanced or metastatic breast cancer (as detected by an FDA-approved test) following progression on or after an endocrine-based regimen.</p> <p>ICD-10 Codes that are Covered Group 1 Paragraph: The code Z17.1 should be on the claim in addition to one of the following: Group 1 Codes:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="354 1409 1393 1902"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="354 1409 508 1478">C50.011</td> <td data-bbox="508 1409 1393 1478">Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, right female breast</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="354 1478 508 1547">C50.012</td> <td data-bbox="508 1478 1393 1547">Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, left female breast</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="354 1547 508 1659">C50.019</td> <td data-bbox="508 1547 1393 1659">Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, unspecified female breast</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="354 1659 508 1728">C50.021</td> <td data-bbox="508 1659 1393 1728">Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, right male breast</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="354 1728 508 1797">C50.022</td> <td data-bbox="508 1728 1393 1797">Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, left male breast</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="354 1797 508 1902">C50.029</td> <td data-bbox="508 1797 1393 1902">Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, unspecified male breast</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				C50.011	Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, right female breast	C50.012	Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, left female breast	C50.019	Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, unspecified female breast	C50.021	Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, right male breast	C50.022	Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, left male breast	C50.029	Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, unspecified male breast
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	C50.411	Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant of right female breast		
	C50.412	Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant of left female breast		
	C50.419	Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant of unspecified female breast		
	C50.421	Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant of right male breast		
	C50.422	Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant of left male breast		
	C50.429	Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant of unspecified male breast		
	C50.511	Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant of right female breast		
	C50.512	Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant of left female breast		
	C50.519	Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant of unspecified female breast		
	C50.521	Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant of right male breast		
	C50.522	Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant of left male breast		
	C50.529	Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant of unspecified male breast		
	C50.611	Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail of right female breast		
	C50.612	Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail of left female breast		
	C50.619	Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail of unspecified female breast		
	C50.621	Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail of right male breast		
	C50.622	Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail of left male breast		
	C50.629	Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail of unspecified male breast		
	C50.811	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of right female breast		

Contract	Title	CMS MCD Policy #	WPS Policy #	Effective Date
	C50.812	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of left female breast		
	C50.819	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of unspecified female breast		
	C50.821	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of right male breast		
	C50.822	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of left male breast		
	C50.829	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of unspecified male breast		
	C50.911	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of right female breast		
	C50.912	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of left female breast		
	C50.919	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of unspecified female breast		
	C50.921	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of right male breast		
	C50.922	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of left male breast		
	C50.929	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of unspecified male breast		
	Z17.1	Estrogen receptor negative status [ER-]		

Provider Education

EDUCATION SCHEDULE

WPS GHA Learning Center

WPS GHA Provider Outreach & Education (POE) offers numerous educational opportunities in our Learning Center: <http://wpsghalearningcenter.com/store-catalog>. We offer on-demand learning, allowing you to access the education at your convenience. We also offer live events; via seminar, teleconference, and webinar on many subjects. You can browse through and register for these events in the Learning Center. Our education offers Certificates of Achievements identifying the length of time of the education. You can use these certificates (without an index number) to receive Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from most accrediting organizations.

We provide all educational materials in an electronic format. Please access and print the materials prior to the session. To locate materials, choose the Additional References tab within the individual course in our Learning Center.

Visit the WPS GHA Learning Center and look for the upcoming events that we are offering in 2019.

PART A/B OPPORTUNITIES

In Person Events

Medicare Day of Learning (MDL)

We designed the multi-session, single-day event to give participants control over their education. You can choose from 19 unique breakout sessions including appeals, telehealth, preventing denials, evaluation and management (E/M) for 2019, and so much more. The event contains six contact hours from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. It also offers an optional question and answer session with the WPS GHA staff.

The MDL events are extremely popular and well attended. Please watch your eNews for registration information and mark your calendar for one of the following dates:

- 09/11/2019 — KCI Expo Center – Kansas City, Missouri
- 10/29/2019 — Park Place Hotel and Convention Center – Traverse City, Michigan

Teleconferences

Observation Care

Recent reviews of claims for outpatient observation services indicate an increase in improper documentation and billing errors. In addition to discussing issues identified during claim review, this teleconference will outline several key points to help ensure accurate reimbursement.

- Differences between an inpatient admission and outpatient observation
- Medicare coverage of observation
- Documentation guidelines

- Billing requirements

09/26/2019 — Observation — Clinical Coverage and Billing Criteria

Webinars

Appeals Series

The Medicare Part A and Part B Appeals series covers the basics of appeal, and two topics causing many appeals.

09/18/2019 — Appeals Basics

09/25/2019 — Appeals Duplicates

10/02/2019 — Appeals Medically Unlikely Edits (MUEs)

Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Series

The MSP series presents an overview of the MSP category and provides helpful tips to use when working with MSP.

09/25/2019 — MSP Non-Group Health Plans

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Series

The SNF series offers education on various topics relating to SNF Part A billing. We will hold the webinars every second Thursday of the month starting in April. For more information on each topic, check the WPS GHA Learning Center monthly to register for sessions.

10/10/2019 — SNF Consolidated Billing (Part 1)

PART A OPPORTUNITIES

Webinars

Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) (Part A)

The OPPS seems intimidating when first encountered! Learn the basic principles of OPPS billing and payment in this webinar presented by WPS GHA Outreach and Education. This is a high-level overview intended for staff new to working for an OPPS provider or those experienced providers wanting a refresher.

10/23/2019 — Introduction to the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Series

The SNF series offers education on various topics relating to SNF Part A billing. We will hold the webinars every second Thursday of the month starting in April. For more information on each topic, check the WPS GHA Learning Center monthly to register for sessions.

09/12/2019 — SNF Part B Billing

10/10/2019 — SNF Consolidated Billing (Part 1)

11/14/2019 — SNF Consolidated Billing (Part 2)

PART B OPPORTUNITIES

Webinars

Anesthesia

The series looks at Medicare anesthesia benefit and denials to help provides claim process the first time.

11/04/2019 — Anesthesia Billing and Pricing
11/11/2019 — Anesthesia Pain Management
11/18/2019 — Anesthesia Rejections and Denials

Surgery

The surgery series covers all aspects of the global surgery package.

09/03/2019 — Surgery Pricing
09/17/2109 — Global Surgery Modifiers (Session 2)
10/01/2019 — Assistant at surgery and Teaching Physicians
10/08/2019 — Surgery Policy and Common Rejections and Denials

In the Works

The WPS GHA Provider Outreach and Education Team is currently working on the following topics for upcoming education:

- Care Management
- Claims Review & Findings
- Critical Care
- Drug Screening
- Evaluation and Management 2019
- Hospital Notices
- Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities
- Medicare Resources
- Preventing Part A Denials
- Expansion of Telehealth Services
- Wound Care

Continue to watch the Wednesday eNews for the most current education topics available.

MEDICARE LEARNING NETWORK (MLN)

We encourage you to visit the [Medicare Learning Network](#) the place for official CMS Medicare fee-for-service provider educational information. There you can find one of our most popular products, MLN Matters national provider education articles. These articles help you understand new or changed Medicare policy and how those changes affect you. You can access a full array of other educational products (including Web-based training courses, hard copy and

downloadable publications, and CD-ROMs) at: <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/index.html>. You can also find other important Web sites by visiting the Physician Center Web page at: <http://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Physician-Center.html>, and the All Fee-For-Service Providers Web page at: <https://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/All-Fee-For-Service-Providers-Center.html>.

In addition to educational products, the MLN also offers providers and suppliers opportunities to learn more about the Medicare program through MLN National Provider Calls. These national conference calls, held by CMS for the Medicare Fee-For-Service provider and supplier community, educate and inform participants about new policies and/or changes to the Medicare program. Offered free of charge, you can receive continuing education credits for participation in certain National Provider Calls. To learn more about MLN National Provider Calls including upcoming calls, registration information, and links to previous call materials, visit <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/NPC/index.html>.

QUARTERLY PROVIDER UPDATE

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) publishes the Quarterly Provider Update on the first business day of each quarter. CMS publishes this comprehensive resource to make it easier for providers, suppliers, and the general public to understand proposed and implemented changes.

CMS publishes this update to inform the public about the following:

- Regulations and major policies completed or cancelled
- New/Revised manual instructions

You can access the Quarterly Provider Update on the CMS website at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Regulations-and-Policies/QuarterlyProviderUpdates/index.html>.

We encourage you to bookmark this web page and visit it often for this valuable information. To receive notification when CMS adds regulations and program instructions throughout the quarter, sign up for the Quarterly Provider Update Listserv at:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USCMS_460.

Reimbursement

UNSOLICITED/VOLUNTARY REFUNDS

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.

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<http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM3274.pdf>

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Don't Miss Out: Register for Payment Rule Listening Sessions Today

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We Want Your Input on How to Further Reduce Regulatory Burden

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