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January 16, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Jan 16, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2025-01-16-mlnc/2/010101946fda0ae5-0664b102-6de3-4be6-aa8e-0d7658586638-000000/yIVWoReG32vSezJT1rFXnik47lQtdxEa-U8HD_98_CA%3D388)

News

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

Compliance

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

Claims, Pricers & Codes

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

Publications

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

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January 15, 2025

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

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

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

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

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

* [MM13934 - Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Update – January 2025](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13934-ambulatory-surgical-center-payment-update-january-2025.pdf)

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

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January 14, 2025

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

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

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

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

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January 13, 2025

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

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

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January 10, 2025

[Top claim denials updated](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00250503)

Patient eligibility and duplicates denials continue to be top claim errors. Review the updated quarterly claim denials.

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January 9, 2025

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

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

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

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January 8, 2025

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Jan 8, 2025](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2025-01-08-mlnc/2/0101019446777709-b79b36c4-4788-405a-9142-43a185cbf2a0-000000/Dh5QpJKzXA5GhQNCgwap5naT3Z0eSfQLPWQKhf17WHo%3D387)

News

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

Compliance

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

MLN Matters® Articles

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

Publications

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

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January 7, 2025

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

Revised:

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

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

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

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January 3, 2025

CERT Educational Resources

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

Read the CERT Insider's Guide to learn more about the CERT program and the improper payment rate calculation.

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

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

View the most recent updates for our LCDs and articles.

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January 2, 2025

New Novitasphere feature: Provider Data Summary

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

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Part B reimbursement fees: Transportation of portable x-ray equipment (R0070/R0075)

The preliminary 2025 portable x-ray transportation payment rates have been posted for notice. Comments will be accepted through February 1, 2025.

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December 31, 2024

NCD 110.24: Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy - Billing instructions

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

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December 27, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

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

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

December 26, 2024

Repetitive, Scheduled Non-Emergent Ambulance Transport (RSNAT) Prior Authorization (PA) Model Operational Changes Regarding Expedited Requests and Review Timeframes

Effective January 9, 2025, CMS will be removing the expedited prior auth review requests. The review timeframe will change from 10 business day to 7 calendar days from the receipt date. For additional information, please refer to [Change Request 13711](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/r12829otn.pdf).

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Hemophilia clotting factor billing

Effective January 1, 2017, the JW and JZ modifiers have been required on all claims for drugs and biologicals (hereafter, drug) separately payable under Medicare Part B with unused and discarded amounts (hereafter, discarded amounts) from single-dose containers or single-use packages (hereafter, single-dose containers). Providers must document the amount of discarded drugs in the beneficiary’s medical record. For additional information refer to our drugs and biologicals article. Failure to use the JW and JZ modifiers may result in your claim being rejected as un-processable.

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December 19, 2024

[MLN Connects newsletter: Thursday, December 19, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-12-19-mlnc/2/01010193dfb66bd2-c2568487-2e33-469d-85c5-bfb2532ab9bd-000000/86_cMTgxmfNxEinkMl7WiifjXICHLiK74EugZDDZQ-Q%3D384)

News

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

Compliance

* Immunosuppressive Drugs: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

MLN Matters® Articles

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

From Our Federal Partners

* CHAMPVA Policy on Weight Loss Medications Effective January 1

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

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

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December 18, 2024

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

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

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December 17, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

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

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

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[Behavior health services](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00282708)

Medicare pays for behavioral health services that may improve outcomes for Medicare patients. They include [behavioral health integration (BHI) services](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mln909432-behavioral-health-integration-services.pdf), [psychotherapy for crisis](https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/fee-schedules/physician-fee-schedule/psychotherapy-crisis), and [opioid use disorder (OUD) screening & treatment](https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/opioid-treatment-programs-otp/billing-payment/office-based-substance-use-disorder-sud-treatment-billing). We encourage all providers to help improve your patient’s behavioral health.

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December 16, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

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

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

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December 13, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

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

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

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

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

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December 12, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Dec 12, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-12-12-mlnc/2/01010193bb64d778-15b72587-e41a-4b7f-9a84-a9130d51a63a-000000/wYDfyvjLaaRoFWY3RloRFub5IeKCIoyA1jePnWgipdw%3D383)

News

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

Compliance

* Global Surgery: Bill Correctly

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* Rural Health Clinic CY 2025 All-Inclusive Rate

Publications

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

From Our Federal Partners

* Get Your CHAMPVA Claims Paid with EFT

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December 6, 2024

Updated coversheets are available for PAR OPD submissions

Effective December 9, we updated both the [standard](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName%3A00231303) and [expedited](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName%3A00231302) Prior Authorization Request (PAR) coversheets with new fields which include selection of modifiers RT, LT or 50, site levels, alternative contact information and a comment field for detailed information related to medical review.

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

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December 5, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Dec 5, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-12-05-mlnc/2/0101019397582f97-134f15a6-83aa-47a6-92ed-776853f3ff40-000000/leuMpaHeZH4wT5BX0fqPOpEcC3EOJUWQM_4J7yFGtnY%3D382)

News

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

Compliance

* Diabetic Accessories & Supplies: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

MLN Matters® Articles

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

Publications

* Global Surgery — Revised
* Rural Emergency Hospitals — Revised

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

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

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December 4, 2024

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

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

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December 3, 2024

Unsolicited/voluntary refunds

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

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

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

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

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December 02, 2024

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

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November 27, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Nov 27, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-11-27-mlnc/2/010101936e25da6c-367c8590-4dfc-488b-9785-64df9e937d42-000000/Ii2uTgrh7vUiUHWgW2q-vKwHj3yK2Tm0aFJvxdvUnoU%3D381)

News

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

Events

* Hospice Quality Reporting Program Webinar — December 12

MLN Matters® Articles

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

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November 25, 2024

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

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November 22, 2024

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

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

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November 21, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Nov 21, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-11-21-mlnc/2/010101934f3f4502-9c7860d5-8419-482e-9030-5b41db7f68a5-000000/fJD3CyVRveraQDY4qzOKFfC0JNnS9QCxYdQaBhNvZzw%3D380)

News

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

Compliance

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

Events

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

MLN Matters® Articles

* Home Health Prospective Payment System: CY 2025 Rate Update

Publications

* Medicare Preventive Services — Revised

From Our Federal Partners

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

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

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November 20, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

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

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

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

Novitasphere is our free online portal full of many [great features](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName%3A00177702) including claim submission, claim status, and patient eligibility. A redesigned portal is being released on December 9. The redesign includes all the same features with a new look and several enhancements. Several short videos have been created to provide you with a quick glance of the portal. You are invited to visit the Novitasphere Redesign page ([JH](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJH/pagebyid?contentId=00273920)) ([JL](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00273920)) to watch the videos and read more about the redesign. If you do not currently have access, we encourage you to enroll today. Refer to the [Novitasphere Enrollment eGuide](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName%3A00236502) for complete enrollment instructions.

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

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

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November 15, 2024

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

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

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[Calendar year 2025 physician fee schedule](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/FeeLookup)

The 2025 fee schedule is now available for download in PDF, Excel and TXT formats in our [online tool](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/FeeLookup). Individual code lookups will be available beginning January 1, 2025.

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

Checking the status of an application? Instead of calling the Provider Enrollment Help Line, use our self-service resources to obtain application status, such as [Provider Enrollment Status Inquiry Tool](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00004864), [Provider Enrollment Gateway](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/Enrollment_JL/EnrollmentGateway) or [PECOS](https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/login.do#headingLv1) resources for assistance.

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November 14, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Nov 14, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-11-14-mlnc/3/010101932b332ba0-00563e9e-1004-45bb-8f92-ba2ea34b4ad7-000000/o0Ojctstw1LTD5sEHBCHj0R3dpAiDt_X5TM0Iheksec%3D379%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

News

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

MLN Matters® Articles

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

Publications

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

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

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

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

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November 12, 2024

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

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

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November 11, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

Revised:

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

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

New:

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

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

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

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

* [MM13858 - New Waived Tests](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13858-new-waived-tests.pdf)

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

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[Anesthesia Conversion Factors for 2025](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00297791)

The anesthesia conversion factors for 2025 have been posted.

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[New version of the CMS-855O released](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00297596)

CMS has released an updated version of the CMS-855O application (09/23). Learn about the effective dates for the old and new versions.

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November 8, 2024

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

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

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November 7, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Nov 7, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-11-07-mlnc/2/01010193072693cf-796a8ed2-75ea-44ab-99e3-1f39b7407778-000000/cNC5uH13IMYI9uB9Dt-TXbMLQRr6FtnWAkfC7Rz03EM%3D378)

Final Rules

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

News

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

Compliance

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

Events

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

Publications

* Medicare Provider Compliance Tips — Revised

Information for Patients

* Medicare Prescription Payment Plan

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

View the most recent updates for our LCDs and articles.

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November 1, 2024

[November EDI Newsletter](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/content/conn/UCM_Repository/uuid/dDocName%3A00297589)

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

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

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

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October 31, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Oct 31, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-10-31-mlnc/2/01010192e38872d0-bbf0f93c-ae22-4bf6-893d-299af67540c1-000000/XXPAojdwIpSO_3fSpU7DePZPO4AENdFIKVNBtajoeic%3D377)

News

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

Compliance

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* PrEP for HIV Billing: CMS Requires Diagnosis Codes

Publications

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

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

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Chiropractor services

Please take time to review the new article on proper billing and coding for chiropractic services.

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October 29, 2024

Changes to amount in controversy (AIC) for appeals in 2025

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

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Updated Novitasphere and EDI forms

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

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Disruptions in availability of peritoneal dialysis & intravenous solutions from Baxter International facility in North Carolina

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

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October 25, 2024

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

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

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Opioid use disorder (OUD) screening & treatment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please review the revised listing for drugs codes.

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Open [claims](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00134802) Issues

A new issue has been added relating to incorrect frequency denials for trigger point injections.

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Calendar year (CY) 2025 physician fee schedule

Once CMS has released the CY 2025 physician fee schedule, it will be posted to our website.

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October 24, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Oct 24, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-10-24-mlnc/2/01010192bed63278-b93a4357-1287-43cc-9da1-e480dfd6899b-000000/HMy-_y4XQxzmFrvTUa06hHGRwNy9myNHS-GjTMEeWDk%3D376)

News

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

MLN Matters® Articles

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

From Our Federal Partners

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

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

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

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

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October 23, 2024

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

Please review for the update regarding Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) claims denied in error.

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October 17, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Oct 17, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-10-17-mlnc/2/010101929ac961ad-efd198eb-cd53-4251-8e1f-7a0b434b35f6-000000/7DAbV2Er56L-aE8HPtIzMhANLxGlzx82uBYUvm8hFVM%3D375)

News

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

Compliance

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

Events

* HCPCS Public Meeting — November 6–8

MLN Matters® Articles

* Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Update – October 2024 — Revised

Publications

* Medicare Preventive Services – Revised

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

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October 14, 2024

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

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October 11, 2024

MDPP Suppliers

A new frequently asked question document has been added to the MDPP Specialty Page. Please take time to review the new information.

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[Top claims errors updated](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00250503)

Take time to review the updated quarterly top claim denials.

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October 10, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Oct 10, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-10-10-mlnc/2/010101927700acf3-30839449-ec74-43d1-9f8b-8acab31599a4-000000/7dj-I6QBGXXteH64aasHKCHIrduSujCTMblLkAW_cqE%3D374)

News

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

Compliance

* Allergy & Immunology Services: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

Multimedia

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

From Our Federal Partners

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

Information for Patients

* 2025 Medicare & You Handbook

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

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

Important: Our open meeting will be held via webinar only. Please view our proposed local coverage determination open meetings web page for specific guidelines and other helpful information.

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

View the most recent updates for our LCDs and articles.

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

Revised:

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

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

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

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

* [MM13800 - Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Update – October 202](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=60103435&msgid=769175&act=8B55&c=1784673&pid=4374484&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Ffiles%2Fdocument%2Fmm13800-ambulatory-surgical-center-payment-update-october-2024.pdf&cf=94900&v=2408c0a57d1ac87d4d76e8473e9145d6c43c4e1b69845b00431237f58b440e7d)

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

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Reminder: Complete Blood and Blood-Related Products survey by November 3

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

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[September 2024 top inquiries FAQs for DE, DC, MD, NJ, & PA](http://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/FAQs_JL/Home)

The September 2024 Part B top inquiries FAQs, received by our Provider Contact Center, have been reviewed. Please take time to review these FAQs for answers to your questions.

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October 4, 2024

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

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

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Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) Revalidation

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

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

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

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October 3, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Oct 3, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-10-03-mlnc/2/0101019252d0d0ca-e43d4bda-f04f-4fea-966e-16007500fc5d-000000/soWFkZU7qI1vqldJe6VOaq_uGa3emUsxkdogCIoVmcQ%3D373)

News

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

Events

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

Publications

* Substance Use Screenings & Treatment

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

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October 2, 2024

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

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

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October 1, 2024

Provider Enrollment Status

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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September 26, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Sept 26, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-09-26-mlnc/2/010101922ea44281-60403c23-cdf1-4875-bed3-bdb71bd73114-000000/KgSeTFI93Vaiyey5MPX8VId1qCDgRDPtftKGww6vtP8%3D372)

News

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

Events

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

MLN Matters® Articles

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

Publications

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

Multimedia

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

From Our Federal Partners

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

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Hurricane Francine

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

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

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

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

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

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[Open claims issue](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00134802)

A new issue has been added regarding pricing for the 2024/2025 flu season.

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September 25, 2024

[Open claims issue](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00134802)

A new issue has been added regarding holding claims for CPT code 90658 (influenza virus vaccine).

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September 24, 2024

[Global surgery: bill correctly](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mln907166-global-surgery-booklet.pdf)

A [recent report](https://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region1/12000503.pdf) by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) found providers didn’t always comply with federal requirements when billing surgical services, including missing co-surgery and assistant-at-surgery modifiers. CMS encourages you to bill correctly for global surgery.

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September 23, 2024

Limited System Availability

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

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

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

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

Please review the open claim issues log for updated information regarding professional claims for the Accountable Care Organization Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health (ACO REACH) Model.

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September 19, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Sept 19, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-09-19-mlnc/2/010101920a97f704-493ec268-ecb9-48dd-9178-4261840ff9bd-000000/i6x3ezFi61_evd6uD4nvxT6tmCA1zWIE7BsxT4lMbJU%3D371)

News

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

Compliance

* Tracheostomy Supplies: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

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September 16, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

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

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

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September 13, 2024

[October ASC fee schedule](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00284592)

There is only one procedure code with the October release.

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September 12, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Sept 12, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-09-12-mlnc/2/01010191e68bddce-50a3580c-6352-4e76-917c-8be584462a0e-000000/zKpnY61I-IFrOis1bgMuJPi9JXX38IPrfdUNX7SVpNI%3D370)

News

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

MLN Matters® Articles

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

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

Dates: September 17 – 19

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

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September 6, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13800 - Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Update – October 2024](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13800-ambulatory-surgical-center-payment-update-october-2024.pdf)

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

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September 5, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Sept 5, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-09-05-mlnc/2/01010191c27f0cfd-d3027d2a-178a-480b-8078-b97b876dff68-000000/mSWELZrE3kmAOG5ymknbyzNaYF9IUEj_cXjb5vunCLc%3D369)

News

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

Compliance

* Global Surgery: Bill Correctly

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

MLN Matters® Articles

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

Publications

* Items & Services Not Covered Under Medicare — Revised

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

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

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

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

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

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September 4, 2024

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

View the most recent updates for our LCDs and articles.

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September 3, 2024

[Provider specialty: Medicare diabetes prevention program (MDPP)](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJH/pagebyid?contentId=00212306)

MDPP suppliers take time to review our specialty page.

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August 29, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Aug 29, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-08-29-mlnc/2/010101919e727740-e67482d2-a014-4c34-a0b3-28051eb42579-000000/pBruBEISfErwbOgEwpLzaPCrW5gqBr2u4TSYBw6sYzk%3D368)

News

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

Events

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

MLN Matters® Articles

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

Publications

* Medicare & Mental Health Coverage — Revised

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

Dates: September 17 – 19

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

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[Behavioral health services](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00295581)

[Register](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00295581) for our Medicare Compliance Matters Virtual Symposium session on September 17, relating to promoting patient wellness through expanded behavioral health services. Our session will explore a wide range of Medicare-covered behavioral health services, including mental health and substance use services, to improve patient outcomes and overall wellness.

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

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

Important: Our open meeting will be held via webinar only. Please view our proposed local coverage determination open meetings web page for specific guidelines and other helpful information.

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

View the most recent updates for our LCDs and articles.

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August 28, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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August 27, 2024

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

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

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August 26, 2024

National immunization awareness month

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

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

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

* [MM13757 - New Waived Tests](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm13757-new-waived-tests.pdf)

This article is for hospitals, physicians, and suppliers.

August 23, 2024

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

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

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Contacting the EDI and Novitasphere customer help desks

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

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Opioid treatment programs (OTPs)

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

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August 22, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Aug 22, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-08-22-mlnc/2/010101917a6613ee-9ca20f6e-30ed-45ff-9332-d40bbfec9408-000000/R9qlxlqUPJKGlc-WhHntvJ1HRxakgC9T6CHO33n-Vas%3D367)

News

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

Publications

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

From Our Federal Partners

* Increased Oropouche Virus Activity & Associated Risk to Travelers

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

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

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

Revised:

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

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

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August 20, 2024

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

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

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

Revised:

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

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

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

Dates: September 17 – 19

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

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August 19, 2024

Updated EDI and Novitasphere enrollment forms

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

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August 16, 2024

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

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

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August 15, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Aug 15, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-08-15-mlnc/2/0101019156753ea9-e502c1c8-8675-41cc-859c-6411bf5abdfc-000000/CD9i15rUEAm1R54zwFfw0f4wqFH4ZwQjgX0w91NjiUc%3D366)

News

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

Compliance

* Patient Lifts: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

MLN Matters® Articles

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

Publications

* Skilled Nursing Facility Place of Service Codes: Updated Resources

From Our Federal Partners

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

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[Sole Owner Revalidations](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/Enrollment_JL/Revalidation)

If you are a sole owner and receive a revalidation letter notifying you that your sole owner group is up for revalidation, please submit a revalidation application for the group either online through PECOS or Form CMS-855B. It is best practice to submit applications online through PECOS. The CMS-855I form is not required to be submitted when revalidating a group record. For additional information, please refer to Revalidation FAQs

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August 12, 2024

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

View the most recent updates for our LCDs and articles.

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August 9, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

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

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

Revised:

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

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

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

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

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August 8, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: Aug 8, 2024](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https%3A//www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2024-08-08-mlnc/2/01010191327f86dc-72e7b987-4029-46f2-bad8-228aa085cc28-000000/R8o0_EXYMkjtxowUoHrSPXB87W-HbIPs0lqkg3VV5o0%3D365)

Final Payment Rule

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

News

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

Compliance

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

Multimedia

* Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Tests: Medicare Advisory Panel Meeting Materials

From Our Federal Partners

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

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

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

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August 7, 2024

Get involved! Participate as a panelist for October 10 CAC meeting on Non-invasive arterial studies

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

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August 6, 2024

Obtain patient eligibility using Novitasphere

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

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August 5, 2024

Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

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

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

August 2, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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August 1, 2024

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

Final Payment Rules

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

News

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* DMEPOS: Provider Level Adjustment Codes on Remittance Advice

Publications

* Beneficiaries Dually Eligible for Medicare & Medicaid — Revised

Multimedia

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

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

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July 26, 2024

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

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July 25, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: July 25, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTA3LTI1LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNzI1Ljk4MTAzNjAxIn0.OneGVlJxiSUzKmrDtGLXg-cJNRuKmxh0_uQOvh1h5EI/s/741183389/br/246322248946-l)

News

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

Compliance

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

MLN Matters® Articles

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

Publications

* Ground Ambulance Industry Trends 2017–2022

Multimedia

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

From Our Federal Partners

* Disruptions in Availability of Becton Dickinson BACTEC Blood Culture Bottles

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July 24, 2024

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

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

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July 22, 2024

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

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

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Medicare Learning Network® MLN Matters® Articles from CMS

New:

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

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

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July 18, 2024

[MLN Connects Newsletter: July 18, 2024](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmNtcy5nb3YvdHJhaW5pbmctZWR1Y2F0aW9uL21lZGljYXJlLWxlYXJuaW5nLW5ldHdvcmsvbmV3c2xldHRlci8yMDI0LTA3LTE4LW1sbmMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNzE4Ljk3NzgyODgxIn0.fzl6KWEI8L3RQdEbC97bA9wvIDDDPhDBZxaYx5QGk_g/s/741183389/br/245965308528-l)

News

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes: FY 2025

Events

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

Publications

* Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience Model

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

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

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

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

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July 16, 2024

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Change Healthcare (CHC) providers must bill electronically

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Proposed Rules

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

News

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

Compliance

* Negative Pressure Wound Therapy: Prevent Claim Denials

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

* HCPCS Application Summaries & Coding Decisions: Drugs & Biologicals

Events

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

Publications

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

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EDI system status, scheduled maintenance, and operation hours

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

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Novitasphere system status and scheduled maintenance

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

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July 5, 2024

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

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

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July 3, 2024

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

News

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

Claims, Pricers, & Codes

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

MLN Matters® Articles

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

Publications

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

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[Top claim errors updated](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00250503)

Duplicate denials continue to be a top claim error. Take time to review the updated quarterly top claim errors.

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July 1, 2024

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

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[July ASC fee schedule disclosures](https://www.novitas-solutions.com/webcenter/portal/MedicareJL/pagebyid?contentId=00284592)

New codes have been added to the July 1, 2024, ASC fee schedule. Please take a moment to review.

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