



Changes to the Laboratory National Coverage Determination (NCD) Edit Software for April 2022

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services they provide to Medicare patients.

Provider Action Needed

In this Article, you'll learn about:

- Changes in the April 2022 quarterly release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services
- How to access the NCD spreadsheet to view relevant changes

Make sure your billing staff knows about these changes.

Background

There's an April 2022 quarterly release of the edit module for clinical diagnostic laboratory services. According to the [Medicare Claims Processing Manual, chapter 16, section 120.2](#), CMS updates the laboratory edit module as necessary to reflect coding updates and substantive changes to the NCDs.

The changes are a result of coding analysis decisions developed under the procedures for maintenance of codes in the negotiated NCDs and biannual updates of the ICD-10-CM codes. This allows us to process laboratory claims subject to 1 of the 23 NCDs (see [Medicare NCD Manual, sections 190.12 - 190.34](#)) uniformly throughout the nation. You may access the [NCD spreadsheet](#) we include with CR 12575.

More Information

We issued [CR 12575](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, [find your MAC's website](#).

Document History

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December 22, 2021	Initial article released.

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