



Update to Publication 100-04, Chapter 18 and Publication 100-02, Chapter 15, Section to Add Data Regarding Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its Administration to Current Claims Processing Requirements and Other General Updates

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, hospitals, and other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for COVID-19 services they provide to Medicare patients.

Provider Action Needed

Make sure your billing staffs knows about updates to the Medicare Claims Processing and Benefits Policy Manuals to:

- Add information for COVID-19 claims processing
- Revise the centralized billing enrollment process to streamline provider enrollment

Background

In response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), CMS created new Category II HCPCS codes for COVID-19 vaccines and their administration. CR 12634 adds payment processing instructions for the COVID-19 vaccines and their administration. We make Medicare payments for the COVID-19 vaccines and their administration in the same way as influenza and pneumococcal vaccines.

The revised manual instructions also:

- Remove duplicate data and language
- Update outdated language
- Streamline the approval process for Medicare centralized billers for flu, pneumococcal, and COVID-19

We've added COVID-19 to the list of preventive vaccines that Medicare Part B covers without coinsurance or deductible.

Key updates to the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 18 are:

- Addition of a link to the [COVID-19 HCPCS codes](#)
- Revisions to [Section 10.2](#), which covers billing requirements for COVID-19
- Revisions to [Section 10.2.5.2](#), which covers Part B payment instructions
- Revisions to [Section 10.3.1.1](#) give information to providers applying for centralized billing

The key update to the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15 is in [Section 60](#). This section covers services and supplies provided incident to a physician's or a non-physician practitioner's professional service.

More Information

CR 12634 is the official instruction for this change. We issued it via 2 transmittals. The first updates [Chapter 18](#) of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual. The second updates [Chapter 15](#) of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual.

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

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