

Section X

- We have begun to analyze the frequency of the New Technology Group 1 codes (it's been 3 years since the implementation of these codes – a total of 14 procedure codes)
- We are considering the following during our review
 - Was the procedure code related to a new technology add-on payment application (NTAP)?
 - If yes, was the technology approved for the NTAP?
 - What is the frequency (volume) of this procedure code being reported in the data for FYs 2016, 2017 and 2018?
 - Based on review of the data and the clinical aspects of each procedure code, we will propose to make a recommendation of one of the below
 1. Leave in Section X (e.g. procedure codes related to the administration of a specific medication)
 2. Reassign to the Med/Surg section of ICD-10-PCS and delete from Section X (e.g. NTAP expired, data analysis and clinical review suggests that this technology/procedure is being reported with such frequency and that clinically, justifies it being incorporated into the main Med/Surg section)
 3. Delete the Section X code (e.g. procedure not being performed or reported as anticipated in the data, the absence of this technology/procedure in the classification has no impact if not available, etc.)
- We plan to share the results of our initial analysis at the March 2019 ICD-10 C&M meeting
- We encourage you to submit any comments in response to this announcement along with your comments for proposals presented at today's meeting to the ICDProcedureCodeRequest@cms.hhs.gov mailbox