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- Regulations and major policies under development during the quarter
- Regulations and major policies completed or cancelled
- New or revised manual instructions

National Government Services – LCD and Articles for Part A and Part B Providers

Article Revisions: May 2020

May Article Revisions:

Billing and Coding: Arthroscopic Lavage and Arthroscopic Debridement for the Osteoarthritic Knee (A52369)

This article was converted to the new Billing and Coding Article format.

Billing and Coding: Implantable Automatic Defibrillators (A56326)

This article was converted to the new Billing and Coding Article format.

Billing and Coding: Removal of Benign Skin Lesions (A54602)

This article was converted to the new Billing and Coding Article format.

Billing and Coding: Single Chamber and Dual Chamber Permanent Cardiac Pacemakers (A54909)

This article was converted to the new Billing and Coding Article format.

Billing and Coding: Stem Cell Transplantation (A52879)

This article was converted to the new Billing and Coding Article format. The Bill type and Revenue codes have been removed from this article. Guidance on these codes is available in the Bill type and Revenue code sections.

June Article Revisions

Billing and Coding: Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIG)(A52446)

ICD-10-CM code I78.8 is added with clarification for its use effective for dates of service on or after 06/01/2020. The ICD-10-CM Notes in the “ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity” paragraph section have been moved to the “Group 1 Medical Necessity ICD-10 Codes Asterisk Explanation:” section.

Billing and Coding: Non-Invasive Vascular Studies (A56758)

Due to the clinical findings and challenges presented by patients with COVID-19 the following diagnosis codes have been added to ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity Group 4: J96.00, J96.01, J96.02, J96.10, J96.11, J96.12, J96.20, J96.21, J96.22 and R79.1. The need for these diagnoses will be re-evaluated when COVID-19 illness is no longer a concern in the Medicare population.

Billing and Coding: Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitalization (A56865)

Reference to DSM-IV-TR™ was deleted and replaced with DSM-5™.