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OptumCare ACE Smart Edits

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Rejection	**009NCS**	Per Medicare, the item, service, or code is a non-covered service. Please update as applicable.	**Facility Non Covered Codes** The 009NCS edit will fire when an outpatient claim contains a HCPCS/CPT code that is designated as non-covered based on other than statute. The services in this list are a subset of the services assigned to payment status of "E" or the revenue code is 099x with status indicator of "E" submitted without a HCPCS/CPT code for OPPS. The edit will also fire on claim lines submitted with revenue code 0760 without a HCPCS code. This is based on guidelines from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 4, Section 10.1.1 - Payment Status Indicators state "The status indicator identifies whether the service described by the HCPCS code is paid under the OPPS and if so, whether payment is made separately or packaged. The status indicator may also provide additional information about how the code is paid under the OPPS or under another payment system or fee schedule." Addendum D1 - Payment Status Indicators published by CMS defines status indicator of "E" as "Items, Codes and Services that are covered by Medicare for reasons other than statutory exclusion." Medicare has a list of HCPCS codes that are considered to be non-covered under Medicare's outpatient benefit for reason other than statute. The Integrated Outpatient Code Editor contains an edit which will deny the claim line when a service is submitted with a status indicator of "E" indicating the service is non-covered under any Medicare outpatient benefit, for reasons other than statutory exclusion for OPPS and Non-OPPS. In addition, per the OCE V20.2, edit 009NCS will also fire when revenue code 760 is submitted with a blank HCPCS. In summary, the 009NCS edit will fire when a HCPCS code is on the 'non-covered HCPCS codes' list for OPPS and Non-OPPS or when revenue code 099x or 0760 is submitted without a HCPCS code for OPPS. This edit applies to both OPPS and non-OPPS claims.	Medicare	5/11/2023	Institutional
Return	**01ODID**	The other diagnoses codes <1> are invalid due to having an incomplete number of digits. Please update as applicable.	**Inpatient Incomplete Other Diagnosis** The 01ODID edit identifies an inpatient claim when the secondary diagnosis code does not have the required additional digits. The Medicare Code Editor checks each diagnosis including the admitting diagnosis against a table of valid ICD codes. If an entered code does not agree with any code on the internal list, it is assumed to be invalid.	Medicare	5/11/2023	Institutional
Rejection	**023BDS**	The service date <1> on line <2>, is not within the From and Through dates of service on the claim. Please update as applicable.	**Invalid Date** The 023BDS edit identifies when the service date falls outside the range of the From and Through dates.	Medicaid	12/14/2023	Institutional
Rejection	**048RRH**	Claim line revenue code <1> requires submission of a HCPCS code.	**Revenue Center Requires HCPCS** The 048RRH edit identifies claim lines containing bill types 13x, 74x, 75x, 76x, or 12x/14x without condition code 41, HCPCS is blank, and the revenue center status indicator is not N or F. This edit is bypassed when the revenue code is 100x, 210x, 310x, 099x, 0905-0907, 0500, 0509, 0583, 0660-0663, 0669, 0931, 0932, 0521, 0522, 0524, 0525, 0527, 0528, 0637, or 0948. Per the Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) V20.2, this edit should be bypassed when revenue code 760 is submitted with a blank HCPCS.	Medicare	3/30/2023	Institutional
Rejection	**049SIP**	Ancillary service billed on the same day as an inpatient only procedure. Please update as applicable.	**Service on Same Day as Inpatient Procedure** The 049SIP edit identifies when a claim line has a C status indicator and is not on the 'separate procedure' list or a claim line has a C status indicator and is on the 'separate procedure' list, and there are no type T lines on the same day and Modifier CA is not present.	Medicare	4/6/2023	Institutional

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Return	**092DDP**	A device-dependent procedure <1> requires that a device HCPCS code be submitted on the same day. Please update as applicable.	**Device-Intensive Procedure Reported Without Device Code** The 092DDP edit identifies when a device-dependent procedure is submitted without the device HCPCS code on the same date of service. Effective January 1, 2015, the submission of a device-dependent procedure also requires that a device be submitted on the same day. If any device-dependent procedure is submitted without a code for a device on the same date of service, the claim will be returned. Discontinued procedures (indicated by the presence of modifier 52, 73 or 74 on the line) are not returned for a missing device code. Effective 1/1/2019, certain device-intensive procedures codes are applicable for bypass if an insertion of a device is not completed (e.g., revised only). For this edit to be bypassed a device procedure on the "Edit 92 Modifier Bypass" list is reported with modifier CG.	Medicaid	12/14/2023	Institutional
Return	**099LPP**	This claim contains a pass-through or non-pass-through drug or biological HCPCS code <1> but lacks the associated payable procedure that must be submitted on the same claim. Please update as applicable.	**Claim With Pass-Through or Non-Pass-Through Drug or Biological Lacks Payable Procedure** The 099LPP edit identifies when a pass-through or non-pass-through drug or biological is billed without an associated payable procedure on the same claim. Pass-through drugs and biologicals include radiopharmaceuticals, contrast agents, skin substitute products and stress agents. Claims containing drugs and biological HCPCS codes with pass-through status (SI = G) or non-pass-through status (SI = K) that are reported without an OPPS payable procedure (SI = J1, J2, P, Q1, Q2, Q3, R, S, T, U, V) are returned to the provider.	Medicaid	12/14/2023	Institutional
Return	**19LOS**	Procedure code 5A1955Z should not be reported when the patient's length of stay is less than or equal to four days. Please update as applicable.	**Facility Inpatient Procedure Inconsistent with Length of Stay** The 19LOS edit identifies when ICD-10 procedure code 5A1955Z (Respiratory Ventilation, Greater than 96 Consecutive Hours) is reported with a length of stay less than or equal to four days, after subtracting number of days reported with Occurrence Span Code 74, effective for date of service on or after October 1, 2015. For original inpatient claims received on or after October 1, 2016, the contractor shall determine the consecutive day count as previously instructed by using the procedure code date for mechanical ventilation (ICD-9-CM procedure code 96.72 or ICD-10-CM procedure code 5A1955Z) instead of the claim 'from' date. The following procedure code should only be coded on claims when the respiratory ventilation is provided for greater than four consecutive days during the length of stay: Effective October 1, 2015, ICD-10-PCS code, 5A1955Z - Respiratory Ventilation, Greater than 96 Consecutive Hours.	Medicaid	12/14/2023	Institutional
Rejection	**AKIPf**	The Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) claim is missing the required procedure code. Please update as applicable.	**Acute Kidney Injury Claim Without Required Procedure** The AKIPXf edit will fire when an Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) claim is billed with condition code 84 without the required Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code G0491. This is based on a requirement from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS Transmittal R1725OTN, Changes to the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Facility Claim (Type of Bill 72X) to Accommodate Dialysis Furnished to Beneficiaries with Acute Kidney Injury (AKI), dated October 13, 2016 supports this requirement. It states, "Contractors shall create an edit for AKI claims submitted by ESRD facilities on TOB 72x with condition code 84 and the following are not on the claim: CPT code G0491.." In summary, the AKIPXf edit will fire on an AKI claim that is submitted without the required CPT code G0491.	Medicare	10/26/2023	Institutional

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Return	**ARGf**	Argatroban, HCPCS code J0883 can not be submitted on TOB 072X. Please update as applicable.	**Argatroban, HCPCS J0883, Can Not Be Submitted On TOB 072X** The ARGf edit will fire when an End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) claim, type of bill 072X, is billed with HCPCS code J0883. This is based on a requirement from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS Transmittal R231BP, Implementation of Changes in the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System (PPS) and Payment for Dialysis Furnished for Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) in ESRD Facilities for Calendar Year (CY) 2017, dated November 4, 2016 supports this requirement. It states, "Medicare contractors shall return to the provider type of bill 072X (ESRD) when non-ESRD HCPCS are reported on the claim: J0883 - Injection, Argatroban, 1mg (for non-ESRD use). Note: There is a new HCPCS J0883 for argatroban for non-ESRD use. This code will not be permitted on the ESRD type of bill 072x." In summary, the ARGf edit will fire on an ESRD claim that is submitted with HCPCS code J0883.	Medicare	10/26/2023	Institutional
Rejection	**BDS**	The beginning or ending Date of Service is invalid or missing. Please update as applicable.	**Missing or Invalid Date of Service** The rule identifies claim lines that have a missing or invalid Beginning or Ending Date Of Service (DOS). If either the Beginning DOS or the Ending DOS is missing or invalid, the line is dropped and the BDS flag is fired.	Medicare	11/16/2023	Professional
Rejection	**BICCL**	CLIA ID <1> does not meet the certification level for procedure code <1>. Please update as applicable.	**Invalid CLIA Billing Provider Certification Level** The lab certification level must support the billed service code. Laboratory service providers who do not meet the reporting requirements and/or do not have the appropriate level of CLIA certification for the services reported will not be reimbursed. If the code is under waiver a modifier will be required.	Medicare	5/25/2023	Professional
Rejection	**BPS**	The place of service (<1>) is missing or invalid. Please update as applicable.	**Missing or Bad POS** The BPS System Rule verifies the place of service (POS) code submitted on each claim line against the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Place of Service list found in the Code Repository.	Medicare	5/11/2023	Professional
Rejection	**CAG**	Procedure Code <1> is not typical for a patient whose age is <2> <3>. Please update as applicable.	**Procedure Age** The code submitted is invalid due to the age of the member at time of service. This edit applies when procedure codes are reported for the inappropriate patient's age.	Medicare	11/16/2023	Professional
Rejection	**CCIPS**	Provider state <1> submitted on the claim does not match the state registered with CLIA <2>. Please update claim as applicable.	**CLIA Invalid Provider State Code** CLIA Certificate Identification number and their associated state will be required for reimbursement of clinical laboratory services reported on a 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (a/k/a CMS-1500) or its electronicequivalent. Any claim that does not contain the CLIA ID, invalid ID, and/or the complete servicing provider demographic information will be considered incomplete and rejected or denied. Please refer to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) at https://www.cms. gov/ regulations-and-guidance/ legislation/CLIA.	Medicare	5/25/2023	Professional
Rejection	**CCIPZ**	Provider ZIP Code <1> submitted on the claim does not match ZIP code registered with CLIA <2>. Please update claim as applicable.	**Commercial CLIA Invalid Provider ZIP Code** CLIA Certificate Identification number and their associated state will be required for reimbursement of clinical laboratory services reported on a 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (a/k/a CMS-1500) or its electronicequivalent. Any claim that does not contain the CLIA ID, invalid ID, and/or the complete servicing provider demographic information will be considered incomplete and rejected or denied.Please refer to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) at https:// www.cms.gov/regulations-and-guidance/ legislation/CLIA.	Medicare	5/25/2023	Professional

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Rejection	**CCRCf**	Type of bill <1> requires an appropriate claim change reason code. Please update as applicable.	**Appropriate Claim Change Reason Code Required on Adjusted Claims** The edit will fire when a correct claim change reason code is not present on an adjusted claim with TOB XX7 or XX8. For reason codes D0-D4 and D7-D9, and E0 the biller submits a debit-only adjustment request, bill type xx7. For reason codes D5 and D6, it submits a cancel-only adjustment request, bill type xx8.	Medicaid	12/14/2023	Institutional
Return	**CDL**	Procedure code <1> is no longer active. Please review and update as applicable.	**Deleted Procedure Code** CMS maintain and annually updates a list of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)/Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes. The AMA develops and manages CPT codes on a rigorous and transparent process which ensures codes are issued and updated regularly to reflect current clinical practice and innovation in medicine. For any additional questions, please review the current applicable code list.	Medicare	1/18/2024	Professional
Rejection	**COVDX**	ICD-10 U072 is for international reporting only and should not be used to indicate a medical COVID-19 diagnosis. Please update as applicable.	**Inappropriate COVID Diagnosis** CMS and the AMA have developed new procedure codes specifically for COVID vaccination administration and products. Vaccine administration is to be billed primary to Medicare, and should not be sent to OptumCare Medicare Advantage plans for reimbursement. Since ACE only processes primary claims, any claim with an admin code should be rejected.This edit will follow global exclusions such as $03 or less to accommodate practice management system limitations.	Medicare	1/11/2024	Professional
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Return	**DOB**	Patient's Date of Birth is missing or invalid. Pease update as applicable.	**Missing Patient's Date of Birth** The DOB System Rule identifies claim lines where the Date of Birth is missing or is prior to the date of service.	Medicare	3/7/2023	Professional
Return	**DOBf**	Patient's Date of Birth is missing on the claim. Pease update as applicable.	**Patient DOB is missing** The DOB System Rule identifies claim lines where the Date of Birth is missing or is prior to the date of service.	Medicare	3/7/2023	Institutional
Rejection	**DRCf**	Only revenue codes for Part B inpatient services can be submitted on TOB 012X. Please update as applicable.	**Revenue Codes Cannot Be Reported On Part B Hospital TOB 012X** The Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 4, Section 240.2 - Editing Of Hospital Part B Inpatient Services: Other Circumstances in Which Payment Cannot Be Made under Part A states Medicare pays under Part B for the limited set of non-physician medical and other health services provided in Pub. 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, chapter 6, §10.2 (that is, when furnished by a participating hospital to an inpatient of the hospital who is not entitled to benefits under Part A, has exhausted his or her Part A benefits, or receives services not covered under Part A), the contractor shall set revenue code edits to prevent payment on Type of Bill 12x for claims containing specified revenue codes.	Medicare	10/26/2023	Institutional

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Rejection	**DCCf**	Per CMS guidelines, one condition code 59, 71, 72, 73, 74, 76, 80 or 87 must be present on End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) type of bill 072x claims. Please update as applicable.	**Condition Code Must Be Present On All TOB 072X ERSD Claims** The DCCf edit will fire on an ESRD claim Type of Bill (TOB) 072X when there is not a valid ESRD condition code submitted on the claim. The Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 8, Section 50.3 - Required Information for In-Facility Claims Paid Under the Composite Rate and the ESRD PPS states, "for hospital-based and independent renal facilities, one of the condition codes 71-76 is applicable for every ESRD bill." Section 80.2.1 - Required Billing Information for Method I Claims has the same requirements as 50.3 with the addition of condition codes 74 and 80. In addition, CMS transmittal R1715OTN, dated September 16, 2016, states that "Medicare Contractors shall add condition code 87 to the list of acceptable condition codes for dialysis treatments submitted on ESRD claims type of bill (TOB) 72x." Condition Code; 59 - Non-primary ESRD Facility - Code indicates that ESRD beneficiary received non-scheduled or emergency dialysis services at a facility other than his/her primary ESRD dialysis facility. 71 - Full Care in Unit - Providers enter this code to indicate the billing is for a patient who received staff-assisted dialysis services in a hospital or renal dialysis facility 72 - Self-Care in Unit - Providers enter this code to indicate the billing is for a patient who managed his own dialysis in a hospital or renal dialysis facility 73 - Self-Care in Training - Providers enter this code to indicate the billing is for special dialysis services where a patient and his/her helper (if necessary) were learning to perform dialysis 74 - Home - Code indicates the billing is for a patient who received dialysis services at home, but where code 75 below does not apply 76 - Back-up In-facility Dialysis - Providers enter this code to indicate the billing is for a home dialysis patient who received back-up dialysis in a facility 80 - Home Dialysis - Nursing Facility - Home dialysis furnished in a SNF or nursing facility. 87 - ESRD Self Care Retraining. In summary, DCCf will fire when an ESRD claim TOB 072X is submitted without a valid ESRD condition code.	Medicare	11/9/2023	Institutional
Return	**FTDf**	Missing admission date or invalid Statement Covers Period "From" or "Through" dates. Please update as applicable.	**Missing or Invalid Admission Date** The FTDf edit identifies claims that are missing a required admission date or an admission date that is after the Through date. Per the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) the Admission/Start of Care Date is required on outpatient claims 012x, 022x, 032x, 034x, 081x, and 082x.	Medicare	1/18/2024	Institutional
Rejection	**IBC**	Billing CLIA ID submitted on the claim is not valid based on QIES and CDC database. Please resubmit claim with a valid CLIA ID.	**Invalid Billing CLIA ID** A valid CLIA Certificate Identification number will be required for reimbursement of clinical laboratory services reported on a 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (a/k/a CMS1500) or its electronic equivalent. Any claim that does not contain the CLIA ID, invalid ID, and/or the complete servicing provider demographic information will be considered incomplete.	Medicare	5/25/2023	Professional
Rejection	**ICD**	The diagnosis code(s) <1> are invalid.	**Invalid Diagnosis Code** The ICD System Rule identifies diagnosis codes that are not valid. This edit looks for blank diagnosis fields as well as a diagnosis code that is not present in the KnowledgeBase.	Medicare	9/28/2023	Professional
Return	**ICM**	There is no Primary Diagnosis listed for this procedure. Please update as applicable.	**Missing Diagnosis Code** This rule identifies line items with no diagnosis code listed in the primary diagnosis field.	Medicare	1/18/2024	Professional
Return	**ICMf**	The principal diagnosis code is missing. Please update as applicable.	**Missing Principal Diagnosis Code - I -10** The ICMf rule indicates there is no principal diagnosis code on the current claim (outpatient) since it is a required field.	Medicare	1/18/2024	Institutional

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Return	**IDNR**	Per ICD-10-CM guidelines, diagnosis code(s) <1> is only for use on the maternal record, never on the newborn record. Please update as applicable.	**Inappropriate Diagnosis Code(s) on Newborn Record** This edit identifies when a maternal delivery diagnosis code(s) is reported on a newborn record. The obstetric diagnosis codes for this rule are identified as Chapter 15 codes O00-O9A and category codes Z3A and Z37. Per ICD-10-CM guidelines "Chapter 15 codes are to be used only on the maternal record, never on the record of the newborn" and "Codes from Chapter 15, the obstetric chapter, are never permitted on the newborn record." The guidelines for Z37 category codes state, "The outcome of delivery codes, category Z37, should be included on all maternal delivery records. It is always a secondary code. Codes in category Z37 should not be used on the newborn record." In addition, the guidelines for Z3A category state, "Codes from category Z3A are for use, only on the maternal record, to indicate the weeks of gestation of the pregnancy, if known." A newborns' age (perinatal period) is defined as 0-28 days per ICD-10-CM guidelines.	Medicare	10/26/2023	Professional
Rejection	**IIRA**	Per CMS, between May 1, 2023 and June 30, 2023 J1817 can only be billed with modifier JK. J1817, J1811, J1813 cannot be billed without modifier JK or JL after July 1, 2023. Please update as applicable.	**Insulin Inflation Reduction Act** Section 1833(b) of the Social Security Act (the Act) is amended by Section 11407 of the Inflation Reduction Act, which waives the Medicare Part B deductible beginning July 1, 2023 for insulin furnished through an item of DME covered under section 1861(n) of the Act. Also, Section 1833(a) of the Act is amended by Section 11407 of the Inflation Reduction Act, which requires that beneficiary coinsurance for a month's supply of insulin furnished through an item of durable medical equipment is not to exceed $35 beginning July 1, 2023. The supplier payment is to be adjusted as necessary so that Medicare pays for the rest of the amount for the month's supply of insulin. The Shared Systems Maintainers (SSMs) shall implement necessary changes to their respective systems in order to ensure their systems are programmed to adjudicate Medicare Part B claims containing HCPCS for insulin administered via DME pump, ensuring the beneficiary coinsurance for a month's supply of insulin is not to exceed $35. The supplier payment is to be adjusted as necessary, so that Medicare pays for the rest of the amount for the month's supply of insulin. The following modifiers are effective April 1, 2023: JK - Short Descriptor: Drug supply 1 month or less; Long Descriptor: One month supply or less of drug or biological JL - Short Descriptor: Drug 3-month supply; Long Descriptor: Three-month supply of drug or biological.	Medicare	7/27/2023	Professional
Rejection	**IIRAf**	Per CMS, between May 1, 2023 and June 30, 2023 J1817 can only be billed with modifier JK. J1817, J1811, J1813 cannot be billed without modifier JK or JL after July 1, 2023. Please update as applicable.	**Insulin Inflation Reduction Act** Section 1833(b) of the Social Security Act (the Act) is amended by Section 11407 of the Inflation Reduction Act, which waives the Medicare Part B deductible beginning July 1, 2023 for insulin furnished through an item of DME covered under section 1861(n) of the Act. Also, Section 1833(a) of the Act is amended by Section 11407 of the Inflation Reduction Act, which requires that beneficiary coinsurance for a month's supply of insulin furnished through an item of durable medical equipment is not to exceed $35 beginning July 1, 2023. The supplier payment is to be adjusted as necessary so that Medicare pays for the rest of the amount for the month's supply of insulin. The Shared Systems Maintainers (SSMs) shall implement necessary changes to their respective systems in order to ensure their systems are programmed to adjudicate Medicare Part B claims containing HCPCS for insulin administered via DME pump, ensuring the beneficiary coinsurance for a month's supply of insulin is not to exceed $35. The supplier payment is to be adjusted as necessary, so that Medicare pays for the rest of the amount for the month's supply of insulin. The following modifiers are effective April 1, 2023: JK - Short Descriptor: Drug supply 1 month or less; Long Descriptor: One month supply or less of drug or biological JL - Short Descriptor: Drug 3-month supply; Long Descriptor: Three-month supply of drug or biological.	Medicare	7/27/2023	Institutional

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Return	**IMO**	Per Medicare guidelines, procedure code <1> is inappropriate with Modifier TC. Performance of the test is paid under the lab fee schedule. Please update as applicable.	**Invalid Modifier Code** The IMO edit identifies the claim line which has one or more invalid modifier code(s). All modifiers are validated to verify if they are present in the Modifier Edits table and valid for the date of service. If there is a modifier on the claim line which is not present in the system, has been disabled, or is not effective or valid for the date of service the IMO flag is fired.	Medicare	5/11/2023	Professional
Rejection	**ISC**	Servicing CLIA ID submitted on the claim is not valid based on QIES and CDC database. Please resubmit claim with a valid CLIA ID.	**Invalid Servicing CLIA ID** A valid CLIA Certificate Identification number will be required for reimbursement of clinical laboratory services reported on a 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (a/k/a CMS1500) or its electronic equivalent. Any claim that does not contain the CLIA ID, invalid ID, and/or the complete servicing provider demographic information will be considered incomplete.	Medicare	5/25/2023	Professional
Rejection	**mAM**	Per CMS guidelines, HCPCS Code <1> is identified as an ambulance code and requires an ambulance modifier appended. Please update as applicable.	**Medicare Ambulance Origin and Destination Modifiers** For ambulance service claims, Facility-based providers and suppliers must report an origin and destination modifier for each ambulance trip provided in HCPCS/Rates. Origin and destination modifiers used for ambulance services are created by combining two alpha characters. Each alpha character, except for X, represents an origin code or a destination code. The pair of alpha codes creates one modifier. The first position alpha code equals origin; the second position alpha code equals destination. The mAM edit identifies claim lines that contain an ambulance HCPCS code without an ambulance modifier appended that has a first character of D, E, G, H, I, J, N, P, R or S and a second character of D, E, G, H, I, J, N, P, R, S or X. When an ambulance HCPCS code without an appropriate ambulance modifier is on the current claim, the mAM edit is triggered. Please refer to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 15, 30 - General Billing Guidelines, Page 25 for further information.	Medicare	4/20/2023	Professional
Rejection	**mANM**	Per Medicare guidelines, anesthesia code <1> on claim line ID <2> requires an appropriate modifier. Please update as applicable.	**Medicare Anesthesia Modifier** The mANM edit uses the CMS Medicare Claims Processing Manual to identify anesthesia services that were submitted without an anesthesia modifier. This edit fires on all claim lines that contain an anesthesia code, excluding CPT code 01996, submitted without modifier AA, AD, QK, QX, QY or QZ appended. Physicians must append the appropriate anesthesia modifier to denote whether the service was personally performed, medically directed, or medically supervised. Payment for the service is determined by the use of these modifiers. Please refer to the Anesthesia Services Reimbursement Policy on UHCprovider.com.	Medicare	5/11/2023	Professional
Rejection	**mAS**	Procedure code <1> is not appropriate when billed by an assistant surgeon. Please update codes as applicable.	**No Payment for Assistant Surgeons Procedure Edits** All codes in the NPFS with the status code indicator "1" for "Assistant Surgeons" are considered to not be reimbursable for Assistant Surgeon services, as indicated by an Assistant Surgeon or surgical assistant modifier (80, 81, 82, or AS), and will not be allowed for payment. Please refer to the National Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value File for further information.	Medicare	4/27/2023	Professional

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Return	**mB50**	A bilateral procedure code <1> submitted with modifier 50 and billed with more than 1 unit of service is inappropriate Please update as applicable.	**Bilateral Modifier 50 Billed With More Than 1 Unit** The mB50 edit identifies claim lines that contain a procedure code with modifier 50 appended and billed with more than 1 unit of service. These codes are identified by indicators "1" or "3" in the bilateral column of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedules (MPFS). "Modifier 50 applies to bilateral procedures performed on both sides of the body during the same operative session. When a procedure is identified by the terminology as bilateral or unilateral, the 50 modifier is not reported. If a procedure is authorized for the 150 percent payment adjustment for bilateral procedures (payment policy indicator 1), the procedure shall be reported on a single line item with the 50 modifier and one service unit. Whenever the 50 modifier is appended, the appropriate number of service units is one."	Medicare	4/27/2023	Professional
Rejection	**mBC**	Per CMS guidelines, payment for procedure code <1> is always bundled into payment for other services not specified and no separate payment is made. Please update as applicable.	**Medicare Bundled Code** Consistent with CMS, UnitedHealthcare will not separately reimburse for specific CPT/HCPCS codes assigned a status code “B” on the NPFS Relative Value File indicating a bundled procedure. B Bundle Codes are not reimbursable services regardless of whether they are billed alone or in conjunction with other services. Please refer to Section 20.3 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual (cms.gov).	Medicare	5/11/2023	Professional
Rejection	**MCID**	CLIA ID was not submitted on the claim. Please resubmit claim with a valid CLIA ID.	**Missing CLIA ID** A valid CLIA Certificate Identification number will be required for reimbursement of clinical laboratory services reported on a 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form (a/k/a CMS1500) or its electronic equivalent. Any claim that does not contain the CLIA ID, invalid ID, and/or the complete servicing provider demographic information will be considered incomplete. Please refer to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) at https://www.cms.gov/ regulations-and-guidance/legis lation/CLIA.	Medicare	5/25/2023	Professional
Return	**mCO**	Per Medicare guidelines, billing for co-surgeons is not permitted for procedure code <1>. Please update as applicable.	**Co-Surgeons Not Permitted Procedure** The mCO edit identifies claim lines that contain procedure codes with modifier 62 appended inappropriately under CMS guidelines. CMS has designated codes that are identified by the indicator of "0" in the co-surgeon column of the National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFS) as ineligible for modifier 62.The NPFS defines the indicator "0" in the co-surgery column as follows: “0=Co-Surgeons not permitted for this procedure.”	Medicare	4/20/2023	Professional
Rejection	**mCVAXA**	COVID-19 vaccine administration code <1> should be billed to Original Medicare. Please update as applicable.	**Medicare COVID-19 Vaccine Admin Code** CMS and the AMA have developed new procedure codes specifically for COVID vaccination administration and products. Vaccine administration is to be billed primary to Medicare, and should not be sent to OptumCare Medicare Advantage plans for reimbursement. Since ACE only processes primary claims, any claim with an admin code should be rejected.This edit will follow global exclusions such as $03 or less to accommodate practice management system limitations.	Medicare	1/11/2024	Professional
Rejection	**mCVAXA f**	COVID-19 vaccine administration code <1> should be billed to Original Medicare. Please update as applicable.	**Medicare COVID-19 Vaccine Admin Code** CMS and the AMA have developed new procedure codes specifically for COVID vaccination administration and products. Vaccine administration is to be billed primary to Medicare, and should not be sent to OptumCare Medicare Advantage plans for reimbursement. Since ACE only processes primary claims, any claim with an admin code should be rejected.This edit will follow global exclusions such as $03 or less to accommodate practice management system limitations.	Medicare	1/11/2024	Institutional

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Rejection	**mDT**	Per Medicare guidelines, procedure code <1> describes a diagnostic procedure that requires a professional component modifier in this place of service <2>. Please update as applicable.	**Diagnostic Test in Hospital** The mDT edit identifies claim lines which have procedure codes that are diagnostic tests performed in an Inpatient or Outpatient hospital or skilled nursing setting. When a provider is billing these services in an Inpatient or Outpatient hospital or skilled nursing setting, only the professional component should be billed (modifier 26).	Medicare	5/4/2023	Professional
Return	**mGT**	Per Medicare guidelines, modifier <1> is inappropriately appended to procedure code <2>. Please update as applicable.	**Modifier 26 or TC applied inappropriately - Global Service** This edit identifies claim lines that contain codes that have the modifier 26 or TC appended inappropriately. The concept of professional and technical component splits (PC/TC) does not apply since global test only codes identified by the indicator of "4" in the PC/TC column of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFS) cannot be split into professional and technical components under CMS rules. Modifier 26 and TC cannot be used with these codes. The CMS NPFS PCTC indicator "4" is defined as follows: "4 = Global Test Only Codes--This indicator identifies stand-alone codes that describe selected diagnostic tests for which there are associated codes that describe (a) the professional component of the test only, and (b) the technical component of the test only. Modifiers 26 and TC cannot be used with these codes. The total RVUs for global procedure only codes include values for physician work, practice expense, and malpractice expense. The total RVUs for global procedure only codes equals the sum of the total RVUs for the professional and technical components only codes combined."	Medicare	1/18/2024	Professional
Rejection	**mIM**	Modifier is not appropriate for procedure code. Please update as applicable.	**Medicare Inappropriate Modifier - Follow Up Days** This edit utilizes the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) to determine whether a procedure code billed on a Medicare claim is submitted with an inappropriate modifier. This edit identifies claims submitted with modifier 22 with MPFS follow up days of MMM,XXX, or ZZZ. If the current line has the modifier 22, and if the follow up days for the procedure in the MPFS is MMM, XXX, or ZZZ the mIM edit will trigger. The Medicare Claims Processing Manual states, Modifier -22 should only be reported with procedure codes that have a global period of 0, 10 or 90 days." It would be inappropriate to bill modifier 22 with procedure codes that have a global day indicator of MMM, XXX and ZZZ. Global day indicators found within the "Glob Days" column of the MPFS are defined as follows: MMM=Maternity codes; usual global period does not apply. XXX=The global concept does not apply to the code. ZZZ=The code is related to another service and is always included in the global period of the other service. The global period provides time frames that apply to each surgical procedure.	Medicare	7/27/2023	Professional

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Rejection	**MHBf**	A diagnosis code(s), which meets medical necessity for procedure code <1>, is missing or invalid. Please update as applicable.	**Medicare Hepatitis Vaccine Requires Diagnosis** The MMHBf and MHBf edits utilizes the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines found in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, and The Guide to Medicare Preventive Services to identify Hepatitis B procedures. This edit fires on all claim lines that contain a Hepatitis B vaccine code and a Hepatitis B administration code is not found or a Hepatitis B administration code and a Hepatitis B vaccine code is not found for the same patient and same date of service. This edit will also fire when a Hepatitis B vaccine code or a Hepatitis B administration code is found on the claim without the required diagnosis code for the same patient on the same date of service. All providers bill the FIs/AB MACs for hepatitis B on Form CMS-1450. Hepatitis B Vaccine guidelines: Medicare pays for the Hepatitis B virus (HBV) vaccine and administration for patients determined to be at intermediate or high risk for HBV infection. Medicare has defined persons at high risk as: Individuals with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), Individuals with hemophilia who received Factor VIII or IX concentrates, Clients of institutions for the developmentally disabled, Individuals who live in the same household as an HBV carrier, Homosexual men, and Illicit injectable drug users. Persons at intermediate risk are defined as: Staff in institutions for the developmentally disabled, and workers in health care professions who have frequent contact with blood or blood-derived body fluids during routine work. A physician order and supervision is required for the hepatitis B vaccine to be administered. A CPT® code for the vaccine (90740, 90743, 90744, 90746, or 90747) is required to be submitted with the administration code (G0010) along with a specific diagnosis code (V05.3). CMS Transmittal R3329CP, dated August 14, 2015, states ICD-10-CM diagnosis code Z23 may be used for an encounter for immunizations effective with the implementation of ICD-10. The MMHBf and MHBf edits identifies a claim line that contains a Hepatitis B vaccine, and a valid Hepatitis B administration code is not found, or a Hepatitis B administration code and a valid Hepatitis B vaccine code is not found for the same patient on the same date of service. This edit will also fire when a Hepatitis B vaccine code or a Hepatitis B administration code is found on the claim without the required diagnosis code.	Medicare	5/11/2023	Institutional
Return	**mIC**	Per Medicare guidelines, procedure code <1> is a service covered incident to a physician's service and modifier 26 or TC is not appropriate. Please update as applicable.	**Medicare Incident to Codes** Incident to a physician's professional services means the services or supplies are furnished as an integral, although incidental, part of the physician's personal professional services in the course of diagnosis or treatment of an injury or illness. As a condition for OptumCare Medicare Advantage payment all "incident to" services and supplies must be furnished in accordance with applicable state law and the individual furnishing "incident to" services must meet any applicable state requirements to provide such services.	Medicare	1/18/2024	Professional
Rejection	**MIT2f**	I21.A1 is an inappropriate principal diagnosis per ICD-10 guidelines and will not be forwarded for claim adjudication. Please resubmit claim with an appropriate principal diagnosis.	**Myocardial Infarction Type 2 Reporting** According to Medicare ICD-10-CM Official Coding Guidelines it states- "Type 2 Myocardial Infarction is assigned to I21.A1 with the underlying cause coded first." Please refer to ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting found on www.cms.gov.	Medicare	11/16/2023	Institutional

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Rejection	**mLP**	Per Medicare guidelines, procedure code <1> is inappropriate with Modifier TC. Performance of the test is paid under the lab fee schedule. Please update as applicable.	**Laboratory Physician Interpretation** The mLP Medicare Rule identifies claim lines which have clinical laboratory codes that are interpreted by laboratory physicians, for which separate payment may be made, and the modifier TC is attached. Modifier -TC (technical component) cannot be used with these codes.	Medicare	10/26/2023	Professional
Rejection	**mM54**	Per CMS Guidelines, the presence of modifier 54 indicates that only the intraoperative portion of the global fee should be reimbursed. Please update as applicable.	**Intra-Operative Care Only Reduction** The mM54 rule utilizes the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFS) and the Medicare Claims Processing Manual to identify when a code with modifier 54 appended is eligible for a reduction. This flag fires on all claim lines that contain a code submitted with modifier 54 appended and have a number, other than zero, in the Intra Op column of the NPFS. The NPFS defines the Intra Op column as follows: "Intraoperative Percentage = Percentage for intraoperative portion of global package, including postoperative work in the hospital." Modifier 54 indicates that only intraoperative care was provided by the physician. The Claims Processing Manual instructs that when a physician performs surgery and relinquishes care at the time of discharge, he or she needs to indicate the date of surgery and bill with modifier 54. The NPFS designates procedures that are appropriate for appendage of modifier 54. When a procedure code is listed in the NPFS with a number other than zero in the Intra Op column it indicates those procedure codes are eligible for an intraoperative care only reduction and are eligible for modifier 54. Per CMS Guidelines, the presence of modifier 54 indicates that only the intraoperative portion of the global fee should be reimbursed. The mM54 rule will fire on all claim lines when the modifier 54 is present and a number, other than zero, is listed in the Intra Op column in the NPFS. The mM54 rule will review a primary surgical procedure code to determine if it is eligible for a reduction. When the modifier 54 is present and a zero is listed in the Intra Op column in the NPFS the line will not receive the flag. Also when modifier 54 is not present and a number, other than zero, is listed in the Intra Op column in the NPFS the line will not receive the flag.	Medicare	9/28/2023	Professional
Return	**mM56**	Per CMS Guidelines, the presence of modifier 56 indicates that only the preoperative portion of the global fee should be reimbursed. Please update as applicable.	**Pre-Operative Care Only Reduction** The mM56 rule utilizes the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFS) and the Medicare Claims Processing Manual to identify when a code with modifier 56 appended is eligible for a reduction. This flag fires on all claim lines that contain a code submitted with modifier 56 appended and have a number, other than zero, in the Pre Op column of the NPFS. The NPFS defines the Pre Op column as follows: "Preoperative Percentage = Percentage for preoperative portion of global package." The NPFS designates procedures that are appropriate for appendage of modifier 56. When a procedure code is listed in the NPFS with a number other than zero in the Pre Op column it indicates those procedure codes are eligible for a preoperative care only reduction and are eligible for modifier 56. The mM56 rule will fire on all claim lines when the modifier 56 is present and a number, other than zero, is listed in the Pre Op column in the NPFS. The mM56 rule will review a primary surgical procedure code to determine if it is eligible for a reduction. When the modifier 56 is present and a zero is listed in the Pre Op column in the NPFS the line will not receive the flag. Also when modifier 56 is not present and a number, other than zero, is listed in the Pre Op column in the NPFS the line will not receive the flag.	Medicare	10/26/2023	Professional

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Return	**mM66**	Modifier 66 is not present on procedure code <1>. The same procedure code with modifier 66 appended was reported by a different provider on claim ID <2> and line id <3>. Please update as applicable.	**Medicare Team Surgeon Rule- Modifier 66** Under some circumstances, the individual skills of two or more surgeons are required to perform surgery on the same patient during the same operative session. This may be required because of the complex nature of the procedure(s) and/or the patient's condition. In these cases, the additional physicians are not acting as assistants-at-surgery. The following billing procedures apply when billing for a surgical procedure or procedures that required the use of two surgeons or a team of surgeons: If two surgeons (each in a different specialty) are required to perform a specific procedure, each surgeon bills for the procedure with a modifier "-62." Co-surgery also refers to surgical procedures involving two surgeons performing the parts of the procedure simultaneously, i.e., heart transplant or bilateral knee replacements. Documentation of the medical necessity for two surgeons is required for certain services identified in the MFSDB. (See §40.8.C.5.); If a team of surgeons (more than 2 surgeons of different specialties) is required to perform a specific procedure, each surgeon bills for the procedure with a modifier "-66." Field 25 of the MFSDB identifies certain services submitted with a "-66" modifier which must be sufficiently documented to establish that a team was medically necessary. All claims for team surgeons must contain sufficient information to allow pricing "by report." If surgeons of different specialties are each performing a different procedure (with specific CPT codes), neither co-surgery nor multiple surgery rules apply (even if the procedures are performed through the same incision). If one of the surgeons performs multiple procedures, the multiple procedure rules apply to that surgeon's services. (See §40.6 for multiple surgery payment rules.) For co-surgeons (modifier 62), the fee schedule amount applicable to the payment for each co-surgeon is 62.5 percent of the global surgery fee schedule amount. Team surgery (modifier 66) is paid for on a "By Report" basis.	Medicare	10/26/2023	Professional
Rejection	**mMAC**	COVID-19 monoclonal antibody code <1> should be billed to Original Medicare for dates of service prior to 1/1/22. This claim has been rejected and will not be processed.	**Medicare Monoclonal Antibody Codes** For Medicare health plans, the CMS Medicare Administrative Contractor will reimburse claims for Medicare beneficiaries with no cost share (copayment, coinsurance or deductible) through 2021. Charges for monoclonal antibody infusions or injects should be submitted to Original Medicare and not a United Healthcare Medicare Advantage plan.	Medicare	11/16/2023	Professional
Rejection	**mMACf**	COVID-19 monoclonal antibody code <1> should be billed to Original Medicare for dates of service prior to 1/1/22. This claim has been rejected and will not be processed.	**Medicare Monoclonal Antibody Codes** For Medicare health plans, the CMS Medicare Administrative Contractor will reimburse claims for Medicare beneficiaries with no cost share (copayment, coinsurance or deductible) through 2021. Charges for monoclonal antibody infusions or injects should be submitted to Original Medicare and not a United Healthcare Medicare Advantage plan.	Medicare	11/16/2023	Institutional

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Rejection	**mMAT**	Per Medicare guidelines, modifier AT is required when billing procedure code <1> for active treatment. Medicare does not pay for maintenance therapy. Please update as applicable.	**Medicare Modifier AT For Chiropractic Services** The mMAT edit utilizes the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines to identify when procedure codes 98940, 98941, and 98942 are billed without modifier AT (Acute Treatment) for chiropractic services. CMS MLN 1602 states, "The Active Treatment (AT) modifier defines the difference between active treatment and maintenance treatment. Effective October 1, 2004, the AT Modifier is required under Medicare billing to receive reimbursement for CPT codes 98940-98942. For Medicare purposes, the AT modifier is used only when chiropractors bill for active/corrective treatment (acute and chronic care). The policy requires the following: 1. Every chiropractic claim for 98940/98941/98942, with a date of service on or after October 1, 2004, should include the AT modifier if active/corrective treatment is being performed; and 2. The AT modifier should not be used if maintenance therapy is being performed. MACs deny chiropractic claims for 98940/98941/98942, with a date of service on or after October 1, 2004, that does not contain the AT modifier." The mMAT edit will fire on all claim lines with procedure codes 98940, 98941, and 98942 without modifier AT appended .	Medicare	7/27/2023	Professional
Rejection	**mMOD**	Per Medicare guidelines use of modifier <1> is not typical for procedure code <2>. Please update as applicable.	**Medicare Modifier Code Not Typical for Procedure Code** The mMOD edit validates whether the Modifier Codes on a claim line may be billed with the procedure code on the claim line, based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Modifiers that are covered by other Medicare rules and modifiers that do not have a specific national CMS source or a source that addresses specific codes that these modifiers should be appended to are excluded from this rule. All modifiers are validated to determine whether they may be billed with the procedure code on the claim line.	Medicare	3/23/2023	Professional
Return	**mMSP**	Per Medicare guidelines the diagnosis code(s) billed does not support the medical necessity of G0101.	**Medicare Screening Pelvic** Per Medicare guidelines the diagnosis code(s) billed does not support the medical necessity of G0101. Please update as applicable.	Medicare	10/26/2023	Professional
Rejection	**mNC**	Per Medicare guidelines, the HCPCS code or modifier billed is a non-covered HCPCS code or modifier. Please update as applicable.	**Medicare Non Covered HCPCS Codes and Modifiers Rule** The mNC edit utilizes the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) file to determine a non covered service code. This edit will fire on all claim lines containing HCPCS codes and HCPCS modifiers that have an indicator of "I", "M", or "S" in the coverage column of the HCPCS file. The record layout for the HCPCS file defines the indicator "I", "M", and "S" in the coverage column as follows: " I = Not payable by Medicare M = Non-covered by Medicare S = Non-covered by Medicare statute " The mNC edit identifies claim lines that contain codes that are non covered service codes under Medicare rules based on having been assigned the coverage indicator of "I", "M" or "S" in the coverage column of the HCPCS file.	Medicare	5/11/2023	Professional
Rejection	**mNS**	Procedure code <1> is not covered by Medicare. Please update as applicable.	**Medicare Non-Covered Services** The mNS edit utilizes the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFS) to determine a non covered service code. This edit will fire on all claim lines containing codes that have an indicator of "N" in the status indicator column of the NPFS. Attachment A of the NPFS defines the indicator "N" in the status indicator column as follows: "N - Non covered services. These services are not covered by Medicare." The mNS edit identifies claim lines that contain codes that are non covered service codes under Medicare rules based on having been assigned the indicator of "N" in the status indicator column of the NPFS.	Medicare	9/21/2023	Professional

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Rejection	**MODf**	Use of modifier(s) <1> is not typical for procedure code <2>. Please update as applicable.	**Modifier Not Appropriate** The MODf edit identifies claim lines that contain a modifier that is not appropriate for the procedure code. Please refer to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) National Correct Coding Initiative Policy Manual, Chapter 1.	Medicare	4/27/2023	Institutional
Rejection	**mORM**	Ordering or Referring physician NPI is not found for service code <1>. Per CMS, physicians must be enrolled with a valid NPI. Please verify physician record and resubmit the claim with a valid NPI.	**Ordering and Referring Physician Missing NPI** CMS regulations require physicians or other eligible professionals to be enrolled or validly opted-out for the Medicare Program to order or refer items and services for Medicare beneficiaries. The submitted CPT code requires a valid NPI submitted in either the Ordering Provider NPI found in 2420E/NM109 or Line Level Referring Provider NPI found in 2420F/NM109 or Claim Level Referring Provider NPI found in 2310A/NM109. See the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 26, Page 11 at cms.gov for more information about services that require an ordering/referring physician, including services/ situations where the ordering physician is also the performing physician, as often is the case with in-office clinical laboratory tests. For additional information please refer to: Physicians and non-physician practitioners who opt out of Medicare and/or elect to order and certify services to Medicare beneficiaries is available in https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/ Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads /SE1311.pdf on the CMS website or Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15, section 40. (https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/ Guidance /Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.PDF)For the complete list of providers who can order/refer beneficiary services for HHAs see SE 1305 (Full Implementation of Edits on the Ordering/Referring Providers in Medicare Part B, DME, and Part A Home Health Agency (HHA) Claims (Change Requests 6417, 6421, 6696, and 6856) at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning Network-MLN/MLNMatters Articles/Downloads/se1305.pdf on the CMS website.	Medicare	11/16/2023	Professional
Rejection	**mPC**	Per Medicare guidelines, procedure code <1> describes the physician work portion of a diagnostic test. Modifier 26 or TC on current line ID <2> is not appropriate. Please update as applicable.	**Professional Component Only** This edit utilizes the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Physician Fee Schedule (NPFS) to determine if a procedure code is submitted with modifier 26 or TC inappropriately.This edit identifies claim lines that contain codes that have the modifier 26 or TC appended inappropriately. The concept of professional and technical components splits (PC/TC) does not apply since professional component only codes identified by the indicator of "2" in the PC/TC column of the NPFS cannot be split into professional and technical components under Medicare rules. Modifiers 26 and TC can not be used with these codes. If a provider bills a claim containing codes that have an indicator of "2" in the PC/TC column of the NPFS that are submitted with modifier 26 or TC appended then deny payment for procedure code because the submitted procedure cannot be split into professional and technical components per CMS guidelines. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Physician Fee Schedule National Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value File - PCTC Indicator 2 = Professional Component Only Codes - This indicator identifies stand-alone codes that describe the physician work portion of selected diagnostic tests for which there is an associated code that describes the technical component of the diagnostic test only and another associated code that describes the global test.	Medicare	10/26/2023	Professional

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Rejection	**mPI**	Per Medicare guidelines, Procedure Code <1> describes a physician interpretation for this service and is inappropriate in Place of Service <2>. Please update as applicable.	**Physician Interpretation Only Policy** The mPI edit identifies claim lines that contain codes that are billed with a place of service other than inpatient. The concept of professional and technical component splits (PC/TC) does not apply since these codes describe professional inpatient services. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has designated place of service "21" as inpatient and it is the only recognized place of service designation when the PC/TC indicator is "8." All other place of service designations are inappropriate.	Medicare	3/23/2023	Professional
Rejection	**mPS**	Per Medicare guidelines, procedure code <1> is inappropriate with Modifier TC. Performance of the test is paid under the lab fee schedule. Please update as applicable.	**Physician Service Policy** The mPS flag identifies the claim lines which have codes that describe physician services, PC/TC indicator is '0' and a 26 or TC modifier is present. The concept of professional and technical components splits (PC/TC) does not apply since physician services cannot be split into professional and technical components. Modifiers -26 (Professional), and -TC (Technical) cannot be used with these codes.	Medicaid	10/12/2023	Professional
Return	**mSE**	Per Medicare guidelines the procedure code billed is an item or service that is excluded from the National Physician Fee Schedule by regulation. Please update as applicable.	**Medicare Excluded from Physician Fee Schedule** The 015MSEX edit is triggered when a claim is submitted and the sex code is missing on the claim. This is based on requirements from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Medicare Claims Processing Manual - Chapter 3, "Inpatient Hospital Billing" Section 20.2.1 - Medicare Code Editor - Supports this requirement. The manual states," The sex code reported must be either 1 (male) or 2 (female)". The Medicare Code Editor (MCE) is consistent with CMS. The MCE Manual states, "The sex code reported must be either 1 (male) or 2 (female)".	Medicare	4/27/2023	Professional
Rejection	**mSM**	Per Medicare guidelines the procedure code billed is an item or service that Medicare considers a measurement code and is used for reporting purposes only. Please update as applicable.	**Medicare Measurement Code** The mSM edit utilizes the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFS) to identify CPTÂ® codes with the indicator "M" in the Status Code column of the NPFS as measurement codes. These codes are only utilized for reporting purposes. Attachment A of the NPFS defines the indicator or "M" in the Status Code column as follows: "M = Measurement codes. Used for reporting purposes only." The mSM edit identifies items or services that have been identified as measurement codes per the NPFS.	Medicare	9/21/2023	Professional
Rejection	**mTC**	Per Medicare guidelines, procedure code <1> describes only the technical portion of a service or diagnostic test. Modifier 26 or TC is not appropriate. Please update as applicable.	**Technical Component Only Policy** If the procedure code has modifier 26 or modifier TC on it and the Medicare MPFS PC/TC indicator for the procedure code = 3, then CES will generate this flag If the procedure code has modifier 26 or modifier TC on it and the Medicare MPFS PC/TC indicator for the procedure code = 3, then CES will generate this flag. Please refer to the Professional/Technical Component reimbursement policy at UHCprovider.com.	Medicare	5/11/2023	Professional
Return	**mTS**	Per Medicare guidelines, team surgery is not permitted for procedure code <1>. Please update as applicable.	**Medicare Team Surgeons Not Allowed** If the claim is for a team surgery and the procedure code indicates that team surgery is not permitted, CES will generate this flag. This is based on the TEAM SURG = 0 on the CMS National Fee Schedule.	Medicare	1/18/2024	Professional

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Rejection	**NPD**	Diagnosis code <1> describes an external cause or requires the diagnosis code for the first underlying disease, and should never be listed as the primary diagnosis for a procedure. Please update as applicable.	**Not A Primary Diagnosis Code** The NPD edit identifies codes that are not recommended for reporting alone or as a primary diagnosis (i.e., sequenced first). Please refer to ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting at https://www.cms.gov/medicare/icd-10/2022-icd-10-cm and American Hospital Association (AHA) Coding Clinic guidelines.	Medicaid	12/14/2023	Professional
Rejection	**NPM**	Per Medicare guidelines, modifier <> is a nonpayable modifier. Please update as applicable.	**NonPayable Modifiers** According to the definition of the modifier, the code billed with the modifier is not payable. Please refer to the CMS HCPCS Release Code Sets quarterly update at https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding/hcpcsreleasecodesets/hcpcs-quarterly-update.	Medicare	11/9/2023	Professional
Rejection	**NPMf**	Per Medicare guidelines, modifier <> is a nonpayable modifier. Please update as applicable.	**NonPayable Modifiers** According to the definition of the modifier, the code billed with the modifier is not payable. Please refer to the CMS HCPCS Release Code Sets quarterly update at https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding/hcpcsreleasecodesets/hcpcs-quarterly-update.	Medicare	11/9/2023	Institutional
Rejection	**OPINf**	The date of service of this outpatient service falls with an inpatient confinement for this member. Please update as applicable.	**Outpatient During Inpatient Confinement** Out-Patient claim dates are falling within date span of inpatient confinement. Services performed in an inpatient setting should not be submitted separately as outpatient services.	Medicare	1/11/2024	Institutional
Return	**OUEDf**	Codes Q4081 and J0882 must be submitted with code G0257. Please update as applicable.	**EPO and Aransep Should Not Be Submitted Without HCPCS Code G0257** The OUEDf edit will fire on a line with HCPCS J0882 or Q4081 and the Type of Bill is 013X or 085X and HCPCS G0257 is not submitted on the same claim. This is based on a requirement from The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 8, Sections 60.4.3.2 - Epoetin Alfa (EPO) Provided in the Hospital Outpatient Department, and Section 60.7.3.2 - Payment for Darbepoetin Alfa (Aranesp) in the Hospital Outpatient Department state when ESRD patients come to the hospital for an unscheduled or emergency dialysis treatment they may also require the administration of EPO and Aranesp. Hospitals use type of bill 13X (or 85X for Critical Access Hospitals) and report charges under the respective revenue code. The CMS Transmittal R1503CP, dated May 16, 2008 states the definition for HCPCS code G0257 is as follows: Unscheduled or emergency dialysis treatment for an ESRD patient in a hospital outpatient department that is not certified as an ESRD facility. Medicare allows for reimbursement of ESRD-related EPO and Aranesp provided during an unscheduled or emergency dialysis treatment in the outpatient hospital setting. It contains requirements that state Medicare contractors shall only make payment for ESRD-related EPO or Aranesp in the outpatient hospital setting (13x and 85x bill types) and when HCPCS code G0257 appears on the same claim for dates of service on or after October 1, 2008. In addition, claims will be returned to the provider when outpatient hospital claims contain ESRD-related EPO or Aranesp and HCPCS code G0257 does not appear on the same claim. In summary, OUEDf will fire when HCPCS J0882 or Q4081 is submitted on a claim with TOB 013X or 085X and HCPCS G0257 is not present.	Medicare	10/26/2023	Institutional

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Rejection	**PDIf**	Principal ICD-10 diagnosis N18.6 is required on all 072X ESRD claims. Please update as applicable.	**Principal Diagnosis Required for End Stage Renal Disease - ICD-10** The PDIf edit will fire on an ESRD claim with Type of Bill (TOB) 072X with a principal diagnosis code other than 585.6 (ICD-9) or N18.6 (ICD-10) End Stage Renal Disease. This is based on a requirement from The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 8 - Section 50.3 - Required Information for In-Facility Claims Paid Under the Composite Rate and the ESRD PPS states that the principal diagnosis code for hospital-based and independent renal facilities must include a diagnosis of end stage renal disease. In summary, PDIf will fire when an ESRD claim is submitted with TOB 072X without diagnosis code 585.6 or N18.6 as the principal diagnosis.	Medicare	5/11/2023	Institutional
Rejection	**PDO**	The ICD-10-CM code <1> may only be used as first-listed or primary diagnosis position. Please update as applicable.	**ICD-10-CM Primary Diagnosis Only** Per ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting certain Z codes/categories may only be reported as the principal/first-listed diagnosis, except when there are multiple encounters on the same day and the medical records for the encounters are combined. Please refer to ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting at https://www.cms.gov/medicare/icd-10/2022-icd-10-cm.	Medicare	4/6/2023	Professional
Informational	**RCT**	Modifier Q1 indicates a routine clinical trial. The National Clinical Trial ID was not sent in loop 2300, REF02 with a P4 qualifier in REF01. Original Medicare COB data is also missing. Please update as applicable.	**Routine Clinical Trial** In order to adjudicate Clinical Trial claims, the Medicare EOB and/or clinical number is required. Please refer to NCD 310.1 Routine Costs in Clinical Trials and Medicare Managed Care Manual Chapter 4 section 10.7. for additional information.	Medicare	12/7/2023	Professional
Rejection	**ROAM**	Per Medicare guidelines, HCPCS code <1> must be billed with either modifier JA or JB. Please update as applicable.	**Route of Administration Modifier** The use of the JA and JB modifiers is required for drugs which have one HCPCS Level II (J or Q) code but multiple routes of administration. Drugs that fall under this category must be billed with JA Modifier for the intravenous infusion of the drug or billed with JB Modifier for subcutaneous injection of the drug.	Medicare	11/9/2023	Professional
Rejection	**ROAMf**	Per Medicare guidelines, HCPCS code <1> must be billed with either modifier JA or JB. Please update as applicable.	**Route of Administration Modifier** The use of the JA and JB modifiers is required for drugs which have one HCPCS Level II (J or Q) code but multiple routes of administration. Drugs that fall under this category must be billed with JA Modifier for the intravenous infusion of the drug or billed with JB Modifier for subcutaneous injection of the drug.	Medicare	11/9/2023	Institutional
Rejection	**sANM**	Per Medicaid guidelines, anesthesia code <1> on claim line ID <2> requires an appropriate modifier. Please update as applicable.	**Medicaid Anesthesia Modifiers** All anesthesia codes in the range of 00100 – 01999 are included with the exception of code 01996 (Daily hospital management of epidural or subarachnoid continuous drug administration). Category II and category III codes are excluded as well. The required modifiers indicate the conditions under which the service was rendered, and this edit will fire on all claim lines that contain anesthesia codes submitted without modifier AA, AD, QK, QX, QY, or QZ. Physicians must append the appropriate anesthesia modifier to denote whether the service was personally performed, medically directed, or medically supervised; payment for the service is determined by the use of these modifiers.	Medicaid	11/30/2023	Professional

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Return	**sB50**	Per Medicaid guidelines, a bilateral procedure code <1> submitted with modifier 50 and billed with more than 1 unit of service is inappropriate. Please update as applicable.	**Bilateral Modifier 50 Billed With More than 1 Unit** The edit identifies claim lines that contain a procedure code with modifier 50 appended and billed with more than 1 unit of service. These codes are identified by indicators "1" or "3" in the bilateral column of the MPFS. "Modifier 50 applies to bilateral procedures performed on both sides of the body during the same operative session. When a procedure is identified by the terminology as bilateral or unilateral, the 50 modifier is not reported. If a procedure is authorized for the 150 percent payment adjustment for bilateral procedures (payment policy indicator 1), the procedure shall be reported on a single line item with the 50 modifier and one service unit. Whenever the 50 modifier is appended, the appropriate number of service units is one."	Medicaid	12/14/2023	Professional
Return	**sBUN**	Per Medicaid guidelines, payment for this procedure code is always bundled into payment for other services not specified; no separate payment is made. Please update as applicable.	**Physician-Related or Professional Healthcare - Bundled Services** The sBUN edit uses Medicaid policies and guidelines to identify claim lines that report procedures and/or services that are inherently bundled into another procedure rendered on the same date of service. Optum bases coding relationships and edits on guidelines from generally accepted third-party industry sources such as the American Medical Association (AMA), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), published ICD-10 Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting and specialty-specific coding rules when these rules and/or guidelines are available. Individual states establish and administer their own Medicaid programs and determine the type, amount, duration and scope of services within broad federal guidelines. This edit will use scenarios disclosed in a state's Medicaid manual that indicates that a specified or unspecified procedure and/or service is considered bundled or incidental to another procedure and/or service rendered on the same date of service. The sBUN edit will identify Medicaid claim lines that report a procedure and/or service that is bundled or incidental to another procedure and/or service rendered on the same date of service per Medicaid policies and guidelines.	Medicaid	10/12/2023	Professional
Return	**sCO**	Per Medicaid guidelines, billing for co-surgeons is not permitted for procedure code <1>. Please update as applicable	**Co-Surgeons Not Permitted Procedure** The edit identifies claim lines that contain procedure codes with modifier 62 appended inappropriately under CMS guidelines. CMS has designated codes that are identified by the indicator of “0” in the co-surgeon column of the NFPS as ineligible for modifier 62. The NPFS defines the indicator "0" in the co-surgery column as follows: “0=Co-Surgeons not permitted for this procedure.”	Medicaid	12/14/2023	Professional
Rejection	**SICCL**	CLIA ID <1> does not meet the certification level for procedure code <2>. Please update as applicable.	**CLIA Servicing Provider Certification Level** The lab certification level must support the billed service code. Laboratory service providers who do not meet the reporting requirements and/or do not have the appropriate level of CLIA certification for the services reported will not be reimbursed. If the code is under waiver a modifier will be required. Please update as applicable.	Medicare	5/25/2023	Professional
Return	**SIP**	Sequential intravenous push code 96376 reported on Claim ID <1>, Line ID <2> may only be reported by facilities. This service is not to be reported on a professional claim. Please update as applicable.	**Sequential Intravenous Push Reported by a Physician** Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code 96376 may not be reported on a professional claim. This code is to be reported by a facility only. The CPT codebook states, “96376 may be reported by facilities only.” The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Transmittal 2636 states, "96376 - may be reported by facilities only."	Medicare	10/26/2023	Professional

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Rejection	**sDT**	Per Medicaid guidelines, procedure code <1> describes a diagnostic procedure that requires a professional component modifier in place of service <2>. Please update as applicable.	**Diagnostic Test in Hospital** The edit identifies claim lines that contain codes that do not have the modifier 26 appended appropriately when submitted with a place of service of inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital, or skilled nursing facility under CMS guidelines. The concept of professional and technical component splits (PC/TC) does apply to these codes that are identified by the indicator of "1" in the PC/TC column of the NPFS. When billing these services in an inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital, or skilled nursing facility, only the professional component should be billed by the physician. Billing of the technical component is inappropriate by the physician as the facility should be responsible for submitting it. Modifiers 26 and TC can be used with these codes. Attachment A of the NPFS defines the indicator "1" in the PC/TC column as follows: "1 = Diagnostic Tests for Radiology Services--Identifies codes that describe diagnostic tests. Examples are pulmonary function tests or therapeutic radiology procedures, e.g., radiation therapy. These codes have both a professional and technical component. Modifiers 26 and TC can be used with these codes. The total RVUs for codes reported with a 26 modifier include values for physician work, practice expense, and malpractice expense. The total RVUs for codes reported with a TC modifier include values for practice expense and malpractice expense only. The total RVUs for codes reported without a modifier include values for physician work, practice expense, and malpractice expense."	Medicaid	12/14/2023	Professional
Rejection	**sPI**	Per Medicaid guidelines, procedure code <1> describes a physician interpretation for a service and is not appropriate in place of service <2>. Please update as applicable.	**Physician Interpretation Only Policy** This edit identifies claim lines that contain codes that are billed with a place of service other than inpatient. The concept of professional and technical component splits (PC/TC) does not apply since these codes describe professional inpatient services. CMS has designated place of service "21" as inpatient and it is the only recognized place of service designation when the PC/TC indicator is "8." All other place of service designations are inappropriate.	Medicaid	12/14/2023	Professional
Rejection	**sTC**	Per Medicaid guidelines, procedure code <1> describes only the technical portion of a service or diagnostic test. Modifier 26 or TC is not appropriate. Please update as applicable.	**Technical Component Only Policy** This edit identifies claim lines that contain codes that have the modifier 26 or TC appended inappropriately. The concept of professional and technical components splits (PC/TC) does not apply since technical component only codes identified by the indicator of "3" in the PC/TC column of the NPFS cannot be split into professional and technical components under Medicare rules. Modifiers 26 and TC cannot be used with these codes. If a provider bills a claim containing codes that have an indicator of "3" in the PC/TC column of the NPFS that are submitted with modifier 26 or TC appended then deny payment for procedure code because the submitted procedure cannot be split into professional and technical components per CMS and Medicaid guidelines.	Medicaid	11/30/2023	Professional

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Rejection	**UCVAX**	Vaccine code <1> has not been federally approved on this date of service. Please update as applicable.	**Unapproved COVID-19 Vaccine** CMS and the American Medical Association (AMA) collaborated on a new approach to report use of COVID-19 vaccines. If you plan to administer the COVID-19 vaccines or COVID-19 monoclonal antibody products, especially if you plan to roster bill for codes that describe these services, download and install the newest release of PC-ACE (PDF). This release includes the coding structure for COVID-19 vaccine and monoclonal antibody products, currently comprised of both of these: An AMA-issued HCPCS Level I CPT code structure and A CMS-issued HCPCS Level II code structure Together, these codes describe the administration of the COVID-19 vaccines and the monoclonal antibody products, as they become available. CMS and the AMA developed this code structure to make claims processing for administration of COVID-19 vaccines and monoclonal antibody infusions that get FDA EUA or FDA approval more efficient. Many of these codes are placeholders and aren't currently effective until an authorized product is specifically assigned. It's possible that we won't use all codes. We'll issue specific code descriptors in the future. Medicare effective dates for the codes will match with the date of the FDA EUA or FDA approval.	Medicare	1/11/2024	Professional
Rejection	**UCVAXf**	Vaccine code <1> has not been federally approved on this date of service. Please update as applicable.	**Unapproved COVID-19 Vaccine** CMS and the American Medical Association (AMA) collaborated on a new approach to report use of COVID-19 vaccines. If you plan to administer the COVID-19 vaccines or COVID-19 monoclonal antibody products, especially if you plan to roster bill for codes that describe these services, download and install the newest release of PC-ACE (PDF). This release includes the coding structure for COVID-19 vaccine and monoclonal antibody products, currently comprised of both of these: An AMA-issued HCPCS Level I CPT code structure and A CMS-issued HCPCS Level II code structure Together, these codes describe the administration of the COVID-19 vaccines and the monoclonal antibody products, as they become available. CMS and the AMA developed this code structure to make claims processing for administration of COVID-19 vaccines and monoclonal antibody infusions that get FDA EUA or FDA approval more efficient. Many of these codes are placeholders and aren't currently effective until an authorized product is specifically assigned. It's possible that we won't use all codes. We'll issue specific code descriptors in the future. Medicare effective dates for the codes will match with the date of the FDA EUA or FDA approval.	Medicare	1/11/2024	Institutional
Rejection	**UPDf**	Per CMS ICD-10-CM Guideline, Section II, diagnosis code <1> is not eligible as a primary diagnosis. Refer to MCE for diagnosis codes that are considered acceptable as a principal diagnosis code.	**Unacceptable Principal Diagnosis Inpatient Facility** Per the MCE (Medicare Code Editor) there are selected diagnosis codes that are considered unacceptable as principal diagnosis codes. In accordance with CMS guidelines, OptumCare Medicare Advantage will apply diagnosis coding guidelines that identify codes that should never be billed as a principal diagnosis but should always be coded as a secondary or subsequent diagnosis code to ensure appropriate assignment of Inpatient DRG (Diagnostic Related Group) Payment. Please refer to Section II of the 2021 CMS coding guidelines.	Medicare	11/16/2023	Institutional

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Rejection	**VCD5f**	Value code D5 is required on TOB 072X ESRD claims. Please update as applicable.	**Value Code D5 Not Present on ESRD Claim TOB 072x** All ESRD claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2010, must indicate the applicable Kt/V reading for the dialysis patient. The reading result and the date of the reading must be reported on the claim Value Code D5 - Result of last Kt/V reading. This code is effective and required on all ESRD claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2010. For in-center hemodialysis patients, this is the last reading taken during the billing period. For peritoneal dialysis patients (and home hemodialysis patients), this may be before the current billing period but should be within 4 months of the claim date of service. If the provider has not performed the Kt/V test for the patient the provider must attest that no test was performed by reporting the value code D5 with a 9.99 value. In addition, requirements also state that contractors shall return to the provider 072x bill types with dates of service on or after July 1, 2010, that do not contain a value code D5. In summary, the VCD5f will fire on a claim with bill type 072x without value code D5 to report the last Kt/V reading.	Medicare	3/23/2023	Institutional
Rejection	**VCHf**	An appropriate value code is required for HCPCS codes Q4081 or J0882. Please update as applicable.	**HCPCS Codes Q4081 or J0882 Requires Value Code 48 or 49** The VCHf edit will fire on an ESRD claim with Type of Bill (TOB) 72X on a line containing HCPCS codes J0882 or Q4081 and value code 48 or value code 49 is not submitted. This is based on a requirement from The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 8 - Section 60.4.1 - Epoetin Alfa (EPO) Facility Billing Requirements and Section 60.7.1 Darbepoetin Alfa (Aranesp) Facility Billing Requirements state the hematocrit reading taken prior to the last administration of EPO during the billing period must also be reported on the UB-04/Form CMS-1450 with value code 49. The hemoglobin reading taken during the billing period must be reported on the UB-04/Form CMS-1450 with value code 48. The hematocrit reading taken prior to the last administration of Aranesp during the billing period must also be reported on the UB-04/Form CMS-1450 with value code 49. A hemoglobin reading may be reported on Aranesp claims using value code 48. In addition it also states Effective January 1, 2012, ESRD facilities are required to report hematocrit or hemoglobin levels on all ESRD claims irrespective of ESA administration. Reporting the value 99.99 is not permitted when billing for an ESA. The CMS Transmittal 1307, date July 20, 2007 states renal dialysis facilities are required to report hematocrit or hemoglobin levels for their Medicare patients receiving erythropoietin products. Hematocrit levels are reported in value code 49 and reflect the most recent reading taken before the start of the billing period. Hemoglobin readings before the start of the billing period are reported in value code 48. In summary the VCHf edit will fire when value codes 48 or 49 are not submitted on an ESRD claim with TOB 72X and codes J0882 or Q4081 is present.	Medicare	11/9/2023	Institutional