

MEDICARE PART A BULLETIN

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TO: All Medicare Providers

FROM: Medical Policy Development

SUBJECT: **1999 ICD-9-CM CHANGES TO FINAL LOCAL MEDICAL REVIEW POLICIES (LMRPs): A44388, A71010, A80091, A82270, A82330, A82746, A84484, A93000, A94799, A95857, A95900, A97003 & AA4644**

ATTENTION MEDICARE BUSINESS OFFICE: Please distribute to all appropriate health care facility personnel.

- The purpose of this bulletin is to publish the 1999 ICD-9-CM changes that will affect final Local Medical Review Policies (LMRPs).
- The effective date of the 1999 ICD-9 revisions was October 1, 1998. However, there is a 90-day grace period in which the old diagnosis codes can be billed (through December 31, 1998).
- The specific changes are outlined on the table below; included for your convenience are the bulletin number and date under which the final policies were most recently published.

The final LMRPs were previously published to the provider community for “notice and comment.” Comments received during the 45-day notice and comment periods were reviewed and considered for incorporation into the final policies. In accordance with the Health Care Financing Administration’s (HCFA) guidelines, a minimum 30-day advance notice was provided prior to the final Medicare Part A LMRPs being initially implemented.

MEDICARE PART A MEDICAL POLICY PROCEDURES

Medical Policy may be applied to Medicare claims on either a pre-payment or post-payment basis. Medicare participating providers are accountable for compliance with published policy application. This includes Medicare coverage/policy information published via national HCFA Manual Transmittals, or fiscal intermediary publication of Local Medical Review Policy (LMRP).

PROVIDERS SHOULD MAINTAIN LMR POLICIES FOR REFERENCE

Providers are encouraged to maintain all published Medical Policy Procedures on file (i.e., the attached policies); perhaps placing them in a manual/binder where they may be accessed/referenced by facility staff. All Medicare Part A Final Medical Policy Procedures are available to provider customers via our bulletin board system (BBS), to view or download.

Questions regarding this Bulletin may be addressed to the Medicare Part A Customer Service Department at (904) 355-8899.