Introduction to CodeMap® Online

A Comprehensive Medicare Resource

CodeMap Online includes Medicare fee schedules, coverage policies, CCI and MUE edits, and valuable utilization data that can answer all of your Medicare related questions pertaining to laboratory, pathology, radiology, imaging procedures and more.

This guide will demonstrate how your organization can use CodeMap® Online to find information about:

- Medicare reimbursement, average submitted charges, and denial rates for specific tests and procedures
- Local and national coverage policy
- Historical utilization rates for Medicare services
- Medicare coding edits and frequency limits (CCI/MUE)
- Most frequently submitted diagnosis codes associated with specific tests and procedures

**Medicare Reimbursement Information**

Starting at the CodeMap Online home page, enter 77067 in the “Quick jump to procedure code” box and hit GO.
The Medicare Reimbursement Information feature of the site includes the following information where applicable.

- Physician Fee Schedule Amounts
- Laboratory Fee Schedule Amounts
- OPPS Payments-calculated by zip code and wage index lookup
- APC Codes
- Status Indicators
- Identification of Procedures Subject to Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR)
- A pop up menu of States/Localities allows lookups by different states.

**NCDs, LCDs, and Commonly Reported Diagnosis Codes**

**Does a Medicare coverage policy apply to this test?**

Both NCDs and LCDs typically include a list of covered diagnosis codes as well as additional payment requirements. When a national or local coverage policy applies to your location, CodeMap® Online can display the full text of the policy.

For example: What diagnosis codes are listed as covered by Medicare for influenza antigen testing by direct optical observation (CPT code 83880) in Wisconsin?

Starting at the CodeMap Online home page, enter 83880 in the “Quick jump to procedure code” box and hit GO.

Note that under the Medicare Coverage Policy Information section, LCD L36523 applies to 83880 in Wisconsin. The full text of the policy is displayed by clicking the LCD ID.
What are the most commonly reported diagnosis codes associated with this test and/or procedure?

In addition to indicating an applicable NCD or LCD, CodeMap® Online also lists the top most commonly reported ICD-10 codes (please see below). Expand the Commonly Associated ICD-10 Codes section to display this information. The most common ICD-10 code submitted with CPT Code 87804 is R50.9, Fever unspecified which appeared on 20.6% of allowed claims during 2016. Commonly Associated ICD-10 codes are currently derived from CMS Q3 2016 Limited Data Set (LDS) claims data. This data represents an analysis of 11,119,991 claims processed for 1,414,138 beneficiaries in the third quarter of 2016 and may be updated from time to time.

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Related DRGs</th>
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<td>20.6%</td>
<td>R50.9</td>
<td>Fever, unspecified</td>
<td>864</td>
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<td>11.6%</td>
<td>J06.9</td>
<td>Acute upper respiratory infection, unspecified</td>
<td>011-013, 152-153</td>
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<td>9.8%</td>
<td>R05</td>
<td>Cough</td>
<td>204</td>
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<td>5.9%</td>
<td>J02.9</td>
<td>Acute pharyngitis, unspecified</td>
<td>011-013, 152-153</td>
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<td>5.7%</td>
<td>J20.9</td>
<td>Acute bronchitis, unspecified</td>
<td>202-203</td>
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<td>4.5%</td>
<td>J01.90</td>
<td>Acute sinusitis, unspecified</td>
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<td>3.5%</td>
<td>R68.89</td>
<td>Other general symptoms and signs</td>
<td>947-948</td>
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<td>3.2%</td>
<td>J11.1</td>
<td>Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations</td>
<td>152-153</td>
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<td>2.2%</td>
<td>R52</td>
<td>Pain, unspecified</td>
<td>947-948</td>
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<td>2.2%</td>
<td>R53.83</td>
<td>Other fatigue</td>
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CCI Edits and Frequency Limitations

This example of CodeMap® Online demonstrates how to quickly determine if a claim will or has been denied because it ran afoul of a Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edit or Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE). CCI edits apply to CPT code pairs that Medicare believes are inappropriate or impossible based on the code definitions and clinical use. MUE edits determine how often a test or procedure can be performed on the same date of service by the same provider. In both cases, providers are able to overcome some edits by using modifiers, while other edits are absolute and will always be denied.
Will Medicare deny a claim for multiple tests based on an effective CCI edit?

For example: Will my laboratory be paid for both a lipid panel (80061) and a HDL cholesterol test (83718) performed on the same day for the same patient?

Starting at the CodeMap Online home page, enter 80061 in the Quick jump to procedure code box, then press GO. There is no need to enter a specific locality since CCI edits apply to all claims submitted regardless of location.

Expand the CCI and MUE Edits section where the following information will be displayed:

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<td>CCI Edits for 80061</td>
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<td>Denied Codes (1)</td>
<td>Effective</td>
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<tr>
<td>80500 Lab pathology consultation 10/30/2000 Yes</td>
<td>83718 Assay of lipoprotein 01/01/1996 No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>80502 Lab pathology consultation 10/30/2000 Yes</td>
<td>83721 Assay of blood lipoprotein 04/01/2003 Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>82465 Assay bld/serum cholesterol 01/01/1996 No</td>
<td>84478 Assay of triglycerides 01/01/1996 No</td>
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(1) These codes will be denied when submitted for payment on the same date of service as 80061.
(2) "Yes" indicates that the use of a modifier with the denied code will overcome the edit and allow payment. "No" indicates that the second code will always be denied.

Medically Unlikely Edits for 80061

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<th>Allowed Frequency per Day:</th>
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<td>Practitioner</td>
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Note that a CCI edit applies when CPT codes 80061 plus 83718 are submitted on the same date of service for the same patient. The edit has been effective since 1996 and because “no” is listed under "Modifier Accepted," the edit can not be bypassed by using a modifier. In other words, the HDL cholesterol test will always be denied.

How often will Medicare pay for the test? (Example 1)

Medically Unlikely edits for 80061 are also displayed showing that the frequency limit for lipid panels is one per day per provider for tests submitted by either practitioners (physicians or other qualified healthcare providers) or hospital outpatient departments.

How often will Medicare pay for the test? (Example 2)

For example: How many quantitative troponin tests will be reimbursed by Medicare during one day when performed in a hospital emergency department for the same patient?
To find the correct CPT code for a quantitative troponin test, start at the CodeMap Online home page, enter **quantitative troponin** in the search box and click on **search**.

The following result will be displayed:

![Search Results](image)

Click on the Troponin CPT code resulting from your search, **84484** to display the following information under the **CCI and MUE Edits** section:

![CCI and MUE Edits](image)

Here we see that 3 troponin tests are allowed per date of service when performed for an outpatient, i.e., a patient being treated in the emergency department.

Note that only 2 tests are allowed per day if the tests are run for a patient being treated in a physician’s office or other practitioner site of service.

**What Tests Are Commonly Ordered for a Specific diagnosis Code?**

**For example:** What is the most common laboratory test performed for Medicare patients with Nausea, ICD-10 code R11.0?

Start by entering “Nausea” under the search box. The following search results will be displayed:
Your Search Results for "nausea"

ICD-10 Results for "nausea"

R11.0  Nausea
Related to the following ICD-9 Code(s)
   787.02 Nausea alone

R11.11  Vomiting without nausea
Related to the following ICD-9 Code(s)
   078.82 Epidemic vomiting syndrome
   787.03 Vomiting alone

R11.2  Nausea with vomiting, unspecified
Related to the following ICD-9 Code(s)
   787.01 Nausea with vomiting

CodeMap® Briefings Referencing "nausea"

- 05/29/2009: Documentation Requirements

Click on the ICD-10 code listed, R11.0 to display the following commonly associated procedure codes.

Commonly Associated Procedure Codes for R11.0:

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<td>8.4%</td>
<td>99214</td>
<td>Office/outpatient visit est</td>
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<td>6.7%</td>
<td>99213</td>
<td>Office/outpatient visit est</td>
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<tr>
<td>3.2%</td>
<td>36415</td>
<td>Routine venipuncture</td>
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<td>3.1%</td>
<td>A0425</td>
<td>Ground mileage</td>
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<td>2.7%</td>
<td>99232</td>
<td>Subsequent hospital care</td>
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<td>2.6%</td>
<td>85025</td>
<td>Complete cbc w/auto diff wbc</td>
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<td>2.1%</td>
<td>80053</td>
<td>Comprehen metabolic panel</td>
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<td>2.0%</td>
<td>J2405</td>
<td>Ondansetron hcl injection</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.8%</td>
<td>J1100</td>
<td>Dexamethasone sodium phos</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.7%</td>
<td>93010</td>
<td>Electrocardiogram report</td>
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**CodeMap Online Medical Necessity Checker**

From the menu-bar, under CodeMap Online, select Medical Necessity Check. There are also various links to this from other procedures.

The following is the test entry screen. You must verify you are using the correct Medicare Contractor. A selection screen will appear if you click "change" listing all Medicare Part A and B contractors.

![Test Entry Screen](image)

**Patient Information**

- **DOB (dd/mm/yyyy):** 06/15/1947
- **Gender:** Male

**Selected Medicare Contractor**

Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation, MAC - Part B

**Quick link to Laboratory National Coverage Determinations**

**Order Entry**

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<td>93880 X</td>
<td>447.9 X</td>
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<td>780.2 X</td>
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<td>435.9 X</td>
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Clear Procedure Codes

Clear ICD-9 Codes

**Code Search:** [Search]

**ICD-9 Code Search:**

- **72 Results for "diabetes"**
- **249.00** Secondary diabetes mellitus without mention of complication, not stated as uncontrolled, or unspecified
- **249.01** Secondary diabetes mellitus without mention of complication, uncontrolled
If demographic information is entered (DOB/Gender) CodeMap Online will also point out warnings for age and gender checks. ie, Screening PAP not allowable on male patient.

Enter the appropriate Procedure Codes (HCPC or CPT) and Diagnosis codes. A search tool is provided at the bottom of the page for reference.

Up to 16 procedure and 16 diagnosis codes can be searched at one time. Use the appropriate "+" and "X" buttons to add and delete from the order. Clear all procedures and diagnosis code buttons are also provided.

Once completed, press the "Check for Medical Necessity" button to arrive at the results screen below.

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