

TO: Executive Officers of Facilities Serviced by CareFirst of Maryland Inc.,
Medicare Part A

FROM: CareFirst of Maryland, Inc., Medicare Part A Medical Review

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SUBJECT: Updates for Local Medical Policies

The following pages contain additions(*) and changes to the ICD-9-CM coding system for diagnoses applicable to existing Local Medical Policies. The changes to the ICD-9-CM codes were published in Program Memorandum AB-01-91, Change Request 1661.

The Intermediary will be accepting the changes based on PM AB-01-91 on claims for services occurring **on or after October 1, 2001** and will be effective October 1, 2001. The additions will be effective October 29, 2001.

As a reminder, ICD-9-CM codes must be coded to the highest level of specificity, coding to the fourth or fifth digit. This is a requirement for all claims. Providers should submit ICD-9-CM codes on claims **without** a decimal point.

Documentation supporting the medical necessity of the service(s) should be legible, maintained in the patient's medical record, and available to Medicare upon request.

Questions related to Claims should be directed to Donald Doyle, (410) 561-4036; Audit and Reimbursement to Adam Weber, (410) 561-7948; and Medical Review to Dorothy Sewell, (410) 561-4108.

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**ICD-9-CM UPDATE FOR LOCAL MEDICAL POLICIES
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Bacterial Urine Culture (97-02)

Addition: 602.3 Dysplasia of prostate
608.82 Hematospermia
608.87 Retrograde ejaculation

Blood Counts (97-03)

Addition: 575.8 Other specified disorders of gall bladder
608.8 Other specified disorder of male genital organs
608.82 Hematospermia
627.8 Other specified menopausal and postmenopausal disorders

Cardiac Catheterization (99-5)

- HCPCS code 93543
Medicare is expanding coverage to include the following:
Covered for: 423.2* Constrictive pericarditis
423.9* Unspecified diseases of pericardium
- HCPCS code 93555 and 93556
Medicare is expanding coverage to include the following:
Covered for: 396.0* Mitral valve stenosis and aortic valve stenosis
396.1* Mitral valve stenosis and aortic valve insufficiency
396.2* Mitral valve insufficiency and aortic valve stenosis
396.3* Mitral valve insufficiency and aortic valve insufficiency

Modified Barium Swallow by Video Fluoroscopy (00-01)

Addition: 464.00 Without mention of obstruction
464.01 With obstruction

Prostatic Acid Phosphatase (PAP) (97-10)

Addition: 602.3 Dysplasia of prostate

Prostate Specific Antigen (97-09)

Addition: 602.3 Dysplasia of prostate

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