

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Medicare Enforces the Appropriate Use Criteria Program on Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Effective January 1, 2022



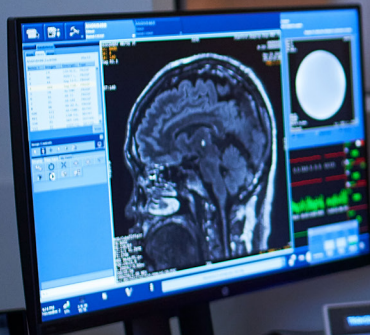
What You Need To Know

When ordering an advanced imaging procedure on patients with Medicare Part B:

Consult an electronic qCDSM of your choice

Obtain the appropriateness score, HCPCS Code and Modifier

Referrals must include CDS effective 1/1/22. Imaging centers are required to document on CMS claims to receive reimbursement.



Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC)
+ qualified CDS Mechanism (qCDSM)
= Radiology Clinical Decision Support (CDS)

CMS Mandate and Imaging Clinical Decision Support

- The Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA) of 2014, established the Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) program to increase use of AUC for advanced diagnostic imaging services (CT, MRI, PET, Nuclear Medicine) for Medicare Part B recipients.
- Effective January 1st, 2022 providers **must** consult Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) through a qualified Clinical Decision Support Mechanism (qCDSM) when ordering advanced diagnostic imaging services.
- The purpose is to enable providers to order the most appropriate tests for patients while minimizing unnecessary radiation, intravenous contrast exposure, and potential risks of invasive procedures.
- A free clinical decision support tool is available at qcdsm.nationaldecisionsupport.com
Additional information can be located at: stanfordhealthcare.org/ImagingReferrals

QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED?

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Medicare Appropriate Use Criteria Program for Advanced Diagnostic Imaging – Code List

HCPCS Advanced Imaging Procedure Codes

MRI - Magnetic Resonance Imaging/Magnetic Resonance Angiography

70336, 70540, 70542, 70543, 70544, 70545, 70546, 70547, 70548, 70549, 70551, 70552, 70553, 70554, 70555, 71550, 71551, 71552, 71555, 72141, 72142, 72146, 72147, 72148, 72149, 72156, 72157, 72158, 72159, 72195, 72196, 72197, 72198, 73218, 73219, 73220, 73221, 73222, 73223, 73225, 73718, 73719, 73720, 73721, 73722, 73723, 73725, 74181, 74182, 74183, 74185, 75557, 75559, 75561, 75563, 75565, 76498, 77046, 77047, 77048, 77049

CT - Computerized Tomography

70450, 70460, 70470, 70480, 70481, 70482, 70486, 70487, 70488, 70490, 70491, 70492, 70496, 70498, 71250, 71260, 71270, 71275, 72125, 72126, 72127, 72128, 72129, 72130, 72131, 72132, 72133, 72191, 72192, 72193, 72194, 73200, 73201, 73202, 73206, 73700, 73701, 73702, 73706, 74150, 74160, 74170, 74174, 74175, 74176, 74177, 74178, 74261, 74262, 74712, 74713, 75571, 75572, 75573, 75574, 75635, 76380, 76497

PET - Positron Emission Tomography

76390

Nuclear Medicine

78012, 78013, 78014, 78015, 78016, 78018, 78020, 78070, 78071, 78072, 78075, 78099, 78102, 78103, 78104, 78110, 78111, 78120, 78121, 78122, 78130, 78135, 78140, 78185, 78191, 78195, 78199, 78201, 78202, 78215, 78216, 78226, 78227, 78230, 78231, 78232, 78258, 78261, 78262, 78264, 78265, 78266, 78267, 78268, 78278, 78282, 78290, 78291, 78299, 78300, 78305, 78306, 78315, 78350, 78351, 78399, 78414, 78428, 78429, 78430, 78431, 78432, 78433, 78434, 78445, 78451, 78452, 78453, 78454, 78456, 78457, 78458, 78459, 78466, 78468, 78469, 78472, 78473, 78481, 78483, 78491, 78492, 78494, 78496, 78499, 78579, 78580, 78582, 78597, 78598, 78599, 78600, 78601, 78605, 78606, 78608, 78609, 78610, 78630, 78635, 78645, 78650, 78660, 78669, 78700, 78701, 78707, 78708, 78709, 78725, 78730, 78740, 78761, 78799, 78800, 78801, 78802, 78803, 78804, 78811, 78812, 78813, 78814, 78815, 78816, 78830, 78831, 78832, 78835, 78999

C-codes

C8900, C8901, C8902, C8903, C8905, C8908, C8909, C8910, C8911, C8912, C8913, C8914, C8918, C8919, C8920, C8931, C8932, C8933, C8934, C8935, C8936