

Prospective editing updates

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This month's update:

Medicare Plus BlueSM

Soft tissue tumor removal

When procedure codes that represent soft tissue tumor removal are submitted for Medicare Plus BlueSM claims, the diagnosis codes should support that level of service.

The appropriate procedure codes representing benign and malignant integumentary lesion excisions should be reported for excision of cutaneous lesions and superficial subcutaneous lesions, rather than the higher-level soft tissue tumor excision codes.

Claims that contain a procedure code for soft tissue tumor removal with a diagnosis that doesn't support that level of service may be denied. This editing will identify soft tissue tumor removal codes when diagnoses on the claim only describe a skin lesion, such as a sebaceous cyst or benign neoplasm.

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