

Medicare List of Unacceptable Principal Diagnosis Codes Update

Effective with the processing date of December 1, 2017, retroactive to dates of service on and after October 1, 2017, the Medicare list of unacceptable principal (primary) diagnosis codes has been updated. All affected claims will be reprocessed. The complete Medicare list of unacceptable principal (primary) diagnosis codes can be accessed on the **Details for title: FY 2018 Final Rule and Correction Notice Data Files** page of the [CMS](#) website. Once the page opens, scroll down to the **Downloads** box and click the **Definition of Medicare Code Edits v35** link. Next, open the folder labeled **FY2018-CMS-1677-FR-Code-Edits.zip**, then open the **Definitions of Medicare Code Edits v35.pdf** document. The groups of codes referenced from the Medicare document are:

- External causes of morbidity
- Manifestation codes
- Unacceptable primary diagnosis codes

Note: As a reminder, all ICD-10 Coding Guidelines must be followed.

Note: The effective date of the policy is December 1, 2017. The implementation of State policy by the KanCare managed care organizations (MCOs) may vary from the date noted in Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) bulletins. The KanCare Claims Resolution Logs on the KMAP [Bulletins](#) page document the MCO system status for policy implementation and any associated reprocessing completion dates.

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