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Coding Change for Lumbar Artificial Disc Replacement (LADR)

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

All physicians and providers who submit claims to Medicare Carriers and Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for LADR

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2007.
- The implementation date is March 13, 2007.
- MLN Matters article MM5462 is based on Change Request (CR) 5462, which announces a coding change effective January 1, 2007, for LADR.
- CR5057, transmittal 992, issued on June 23, 2006, contains correct codes for services rendered in 2006.
- Beginning with services rendered on or after January 1, 2007, there are new coding changes.
- Providers may review the MLN article that resulted from CR5057 by clicking on the following link: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5057.pdf> on the CMS website.
- Providers should be aware that the National Coverage Determination (NCD) issued under CR5057 is not changing. Only the codes that should be utilized have changed.
- Effective for services performed on or **after January 1, 2007**, carriers will **deny claims**, for Medicare beneficiaries over sixty years of age, submitted with the following codes:
 - Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 22857 for total disc arthroplasty (artificial disc), anterior approach, including discectomy to prepare interspace (other than for decompression), lumbar, single interspace.
 - CPT Category III code 0163T for total disc arthroplasty (artificial disc), anterior approach, including discectomy to prepare interspace (other than for decompression), lumbar, each additional interspace.

- Carriers and A/B MACs will continue to follow their normal claims processing criteria for investigational device exemptions (IDEs) for LADR performed with an implant eligible under the IDE criteria.
- Carriers will **allow claims** submitted for approved IDEs/clinical trials submitted with:
 - **0091T or 0092T** for services performed from May 16, 2006, through December 31, 2006, and
 - **22857 or 0263T** for services performed on or after January 1, 2007, with the modifier QA.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

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The official instruction (CR5462) issued may be viewed by going to

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