

<b>CMS Manual System</b>	<b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>
<b>Pub 100-20 One-Time Notification</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
<b>Transmittal 2387</b>	<b>Date: November 8, 2019</b>
	<b>Change Request 11537</b>

**SUBJECT: Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scan - Allow Tracer Codes Q9982 and Q9983 in the Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS)**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** Currently, the FISS reason code 32440 does not recognize Q9982 and Q9983 as valid radiopharmaceutical tracer codes and claims are incorrectly returned to the provider as unprocessed or rejected. This Change Request (CR) will update the FISS reason code 32440 to include the additional tracer codes. Additionally, this CR will modify 32440 so that the MACs can override the reason code if it has been assigned incorrectly.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2018**

*\*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 6, 2020**

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**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

<b>R/N/D</b>	<b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b>
N/A	N/A

**III. FUNDING:**

**For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):**

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**One Time Notification**

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** The National Coverage Determination (NCD) policy for PET scans recognizes Healthcare Common Procedure Codes (HCPCS) Q9982 and Q9983 as valid radiopharmaceutical tracer codes for specific body parts. FISS edits all incoming claims with PET scans to ensure that a HCPCS for one of the covered tracer codes is present on the claim with the same line item date of service. Validation for the correct PET scan and tracer combination is done by the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) with local medical review policies.

Currently, FISS reason code 32440 does not recognize Q9982 and Q9983 as valid radiopharmaceutical tracer codes and claims are incorrectly returned to the provider as unprocessed or rejected. This Change Request (CR) will update the FISS reason code 32440 to include the additional tracer codes. Additionally, this CR will modify 32440 so that the MAC can override the reason code if it has been assigned incorrectly.

**B. Policy:** This CR is correcting an existing reason code and does not implement or change policy.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.*

Number	Requirement	Responsibility							
		A/B MAC		D M E	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B		H H H	M A C	F I S S	M S S	
11537.1	FISS shall modify reason code (RC) 32440 for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, to not assign if HCPCS PET tracers Q9982 or Q9983 are present with HCPCS PET procedures 78459, 78608 or 78811-78816.  Note: HCPCS Q9982 and Q9983 are valid PET tracer codes effective July 1, 2016. If claims with service dates prior to January 1, 2018, are received, RC 32440 should be overridden.					X			
11537.2	FISS shall modify reason code 32440 to be overridable by authorized users.					X			

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		A/B MAC		D M E	Shared- System Maintainers			Other	
		A	B		H H H	F M V C	M C M S		V M W F
11537.3	Contractors shall not look for previously processed claims to correct them.	X							

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility					
		A/B MAC			D M E	C E D I	
		A	B	H H H			
11537.4	MLN Article: CMS will make available an MLN Matters provider education article that will be marketed through the MLN Connects weekly newsletter shortly after the CR is released. MACs shall follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1, instructions for distributing MLN Connects information to providers, posting the article or a direct link to the article on your website, and including the article or a direct link to the article in your bulletin or newsletter. You may supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information benefiting your provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly. Subscribe to the “MLN Matters” listserv to get article release notifications, or review them in the MLN Connects weekly newsletter.	X					

### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A**

*"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

**Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A**

### V. CONTACTS

**Pre-Implementation Contact(s):** Patricia Brocato-Simons, 410-786-0261

**Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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