

Introduction

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To use this manual, simply locate the topic of interest and note the corresponding section of the Online CMS Manual System, then click on the link to the Online CMS Manual System. This takes you to the appropriate Publication and Chapter; you then review the Table of Contents for your specific topic/section number. Most chapters in the Online CMS Manual allow you to click on the specific section in the Table of Contents which takes you directly to that section in the chapter. Other chapters require that you scroll through the chapter to find the section noted in the specialty manual.

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CMS Manual System, Pub -2, Medicare Benefit Policy, Chapter 15, Section 170
<http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

PAYMENT – ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, Section 150 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c12.pdf>

Independent Psychologist Services

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, Section 160 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c12.pdf>

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CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, Section 160.1 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c12.pdf>

Psychological Tests

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy, Chapter 15, Section 80.2
<http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

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CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, Section 170
<http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c12.pdf>

PAYMENT – INCIDENT TO SERVICES

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, Section 170.1
<http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c12.pdf>

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CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, Section 210-210.1
<http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c12.pdf>

Medicare Payment for Telehealth Services

CMS Manual System, Pub. 104, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, Section 190
<http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c12.pdf>

Mental Health National Coverage Determinations

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- Treatment of Drug Abuse (Chemical Dependency)
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- Hemodialysis for Treatment of Schizophrenia

CMS Manual System, Pub. 100-3, Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual, Chapter 1, Part 2, Section 130
http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/ncd103c1_Part2.pdf