Attention Provider Types 12, 17, 20, 24, 74 and 77:

New ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes for Contraceptive Methods

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) have approved new ICD-10 diagnosis codes for contraceptive rings, patches and implants for use by family planning providers effective October 1, 2016. The code updates are collectively known as the 2017 Addendum and are to be used for recipient encounters occurring from October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017.

The 2017 Addendum includes two types of updates: 1) new codes added to ICD-10-CM and 2) edits to descriptive language of current ICD-10-CM codes that will clarify use of codes. Both updates are important for providers to understand. A new code may better represent health care services that are currently provided and should therefore be incorporated into use. A new description for a code currently in use may provide better insight into the appropriate use of codes, or may correct an error in a description that created confusion.

The codes will be added to the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). Claims for the codes will continue to deny until the system is updated. Please submit your claims as usual even though they will deny. You will not need to resubmit the claims after they deny, because the affected claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 2016, will be automatically reprocessed. Providers will be notified in future web announcements when the codes are updated and will no longer deny, and when the claims will be reprocessed.