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2020 Updates to the Medicare Guidelines for Unacceptable Principal Diagnosis Codes

Effective with dates of service on and after October 1, 2020, the Medicare list of unacceptable principal diagnosis codes has been updated. The complete Medicare list of unacceptable principal diagnosis codes can be accessed on Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) [MS-DRG Classifications and Software](#) page. Scroll down to MS-DRG Definitions Manual and Software and under FY 2021 - Version 38 open the link titled "Definition of Medicare Code Edits v38." The group of codes referenced from the Medicare document are:

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

Note: As a reminder, all ICD-10 coding guidelines must be followed.

Note: The effective date of the policy is October 1, 2020. The implementation of State policy by the KanCare managed care organizations (MCOs) may vary from the date noted in the Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) bulletins. The KanCare Open Claims Resolution Log on the KMAP Bulletins page documents the MCO system status for policy implementation and any associated reprocessing completion dates, once the policy is implemented.

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