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## **2021 Updates to Medicare Guidelines for Unacceptable Diagnosis Codes**

Effective with dates of service on and after October 1, 2021, the Medicare list of unacceptable diagnosis codes will be updated. The complete Medicare list of unacceptable codes can be accessed [here](#) on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website. Scroll down under the FY 2022 heading and open the link 'Definition of Medicare Code Edits v39.'

The groups of codes referenced from the Medicare document are:

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

**Note:** As a reminder, all ICD-10 Coding Guidelines must be followed.

**Note:** The effective date of the policy is October 1, 2021. 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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