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Clinical Payment, Coding and Policy Changes

We regularly augment our clinical, payment and coding policy positions as part of our ongoing policy review processes. In an effort to keep our providers informed, please see the below communication of upcoming new policies.

Effective for dates of service beginning 8/15/2019:

Diagnosis Code Guidelines Policy - Manifestation Diagnosis Codes

Per our policy, which is based on ICD Manual guidelines, certain conditions have both an underlying etiology and multiple body system manifestations due to the underlying etiology. For such conditions, the ICD Manual coding guidelines have established a coding convention that requires the underlying condition to be sequenced first followed by the manifestation. Based on this guideline, a manifestation code cannot be the only diagnosis on the claim.