



Recent RAC Updates

Here is another RAC news update from Amphion Medical Solutions. Due to the large number of issues being approved for RAC monitoring, Amphion is providing a direct link for you to your RAC's approved issues. **Future updates will be emailed on Thursday with weekly changes being listed under each Region.**

Don't forget to check the CMS website for recent updates in the [RAC program](#) or recent postings on the [Medicare Learning Network](#) site.

[Information regarding start date for Demonstrations](#)

[Analysis and Design of Edits to Correct Recovery Auditor Identified Improper Payments in MCS.](#)

Medicare Quarterly Compliance Newsletter. [Volume 2, Issue 2 - January 2012.](#)

Don't forget to check the [CMS RAC FAQs!](#) New questions & updates keep getting posted. Type **RAC** in the search box to review RAC specific questions. Updates are indicated by a green **Updated** at the end of the question. New [RAC FAQs](#) are indicated with a red **New** at the end of the question.

There were no **New** questions added in the past week.

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Check your RAC's website for details on the updates listed below. The highlighted MS-DRGs in the Regional Focus Lists (Amphion provides below) represent MS-DRGs that were newly posted by the RACs. There are times when an MS-DRG is posted again for other issues. **When an MS-DRG is listed in the RAC Update as a new issue but has previously been posted on the Focus List, the MS-DRG will not be highlighted;** an "X" in the appropriate column will signify Validation or Medical Necessity review.

RAC Region A:

[DCS](#), <http://www.dcsrac.com/PROVIDERPORTAL.aspx> (click "Issues Under Review" sort by date posted)

- No new issues have been posted. Region A has a total of 733 Validation and 701 Medical Necessity MS-DRGs.
- [Current Region A MS-DRG Focus List](#)

RAC Region B:

[CGI](#), <http://racb.cgi.com/Issues.aspx> (click "Date Approved" for most recent additions)

- No new issues have been posted. Region B has a total of 687 Validation and 182 Medical Necessity MS-DRGs.
- [Current Region B MS-DRG Focus List](#)

RAC Region C:

[Connolly Consulting, Inc., http://www.connollyhealthcare.com/RAC/pages/approved_issues.aspx](http://www.connollyhealthcare.com/RAC/pages/approved_issues.aspx)

- 18 new issues have been posted. Region C has a total of 712 Validation and 264 Medical Necessity MS-DRGs.
 - **Ambulance/transport during a SNF stay to or from a diagnostic or therapeutic site** CMS Issue Number: C001472011. Automated. Ambulance.
 - **Admit Source for Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities** CMS Issue Number: C003022010. Automated. Inpatient Hospital - Inpatient Psych.
 - **Inappropriate Payments for Transformational Epidural Injections – Carrier** CMS Issue Number: C003462010. Automated. Physician.
 - **Incorrect diagnosis code billed for blood clotting factor** CMS Issue Number: C002052011. Automated. Outpatient Hospital - Unspecified.
 - **Rituximab – Non-covered/Non-allowed Service-Outpatient** CMS Issue Number: C001432011. Automated. Outpatient Hospital - Unspecified.
 - **Improper payments for Facet Joint Injections- Outpatient** CMS Issue Number: C001662011. Automated. Outpatient Hospital - Unspecified.
 - **Trastuzumab (Herceptin) Non-Covered Dx- Outpatient** CMS Issue Number: C002252011. Automated. Outpatient Hospital - Unspecified.
 - **Incorrect billing of Home Health Partial Episode Payment claims** CMS Issue Number: C002022011. Automated. HHA.
 - **Inappropriate Payments for Transformational Epidural Injections - Outpatient** CMS Issue Number: C001572011. Automated. Outpatient Hospital - Unspecified.
 - **Mechanical In-exsufflation Devices** CMS Issue Number: C001682011. Automated. DME Non-Physician - Supplies.
 - **Multiple DME rentals billed per month** CMS Issue Number: . Automated. DME Non-Physician - Supplies.
 - **Incorrect billing of Wearable Defibrillators** CMS Issue Number: C002092011. Automated. DME Non-Physician - Supplies.
 - **Inappropriate Payment for VAPS: Vertebral Augmentation Procedure – OP** CMS Issue Number: C001822011. Automated. Outpatient Hospital - Unspecified.
 - **Incorrect Billing of Group II Pressure Reducing Support Surface** CMS Issue Number: C001942011. Automated. DME Non-Physician - Supplies.
 - **Treatment Frequency: Octreotide Depot (Sandostatin LAR), J2353** CMS Issue Number: C001912011. Complex. Physician.
 - **Treatment Frequency: Octreotide Depot (Sandostatin LAR), J2353 Outpatient Hospital** CMS Issue Number: C001902011. Complex. Outpatient Hospital - Unspecified.
 - **Incorrect Billing of Bioengineered Skin Substitutes** CMS Issue Number: C002142011. Automated. Outpatient Hospital - Unspecified.
 - **Technical Component of Procedures During Inpatient Professional Services** CMS Issue Number: C001332011. Automated. Physician.
- [Current Region C MS-DRG Focus List](#)

RAC Region D:

[HealthDataInsights, Inc., https://racinfo.healthdatainsights.com/Public/NewIssues.aspx](https://racinfo.healthdatainsights.com/Public/NewIssues.aspx) (click "Date Approved" for most recent additions)

- 33 new issues have been posted. Region D has a total of 732 Validation and 257 Medical Necessity MS-DRGs.
 - Medical Necessary Review - Acute Care
 - **Abdominal Procedures** MS-DRGs 326, 335, 405, 406, 799, 800 and 801.
 - **Spinal Procedures** MS-DRGs 028, 029, 030, 453, 454, 455 and 491.
 - **Lower Extremity and Humerus Procedures except Hip, Foot, Femur without CC/MCC** MS-DRG 494.
 - **Lower Extremity and Humerus Procedures except Hip, Foot, Femur with CC** MS-DRG 493.
 - **Major Joint and Limb Reattachment Procedures of Upper Extremity without CC/MCC** MS-DRG 484.
 - **Major Shoulder or Elbow Joint Procedures without CC/MCC** MS-DRG 508.
 - **Uterine and Adnexa Procedures for NonOvarian/Non-Adnexal Malignancy with CC/MCC** MS-DRG 741.
 - **Other Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic OR Procedures with CC** MS-DRG 629.
 - **Other Endocrine, Nutritinoal and Metabolic OR Procedures with MCC** MS-

- DRG 628.
- **Amputation for Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue dis without CC/MCC MS-DRG 476).**
- **Stomach, Esophageal and Duodenal Procedures without CC/MCC MS-DRG 328.**
- **Stomach, Esophageal and Doudenal Procedures with CC MS-DRG 327.**
- **Other Respiratory System OR Procedures without CC/MCC MS-DRG 168.**
- **Major Small and Large Bowel Procedures without CC/MCC MS-DRG 331.**
- **Pancreas, Liver and Shunt Procedures without CC/MCC MS-DRG 407.**
- **Peritoneal Adhesiolysis without CC/MCC MS-DRG 337.**
- **Peritoneal Adhesiolysis with CC MS-DRG 336.**
- **Uterine and Adnexa Procedures for Non-Malignancy with CC/MCC MS-DRG 742.**
- **Extensive OR Procedure Unrelated to Principal Diagnosis with MCC MS-DRG 981.**
- **OR Procedures with Diagnoses of Other Contact with Health Services without CC/MCC MS-DRG 941.**
- **OR Procedures with Diagnoses of Other Contact with Health Services with CC MS-DRG 940.**
- **Extensive OR Procedure Unrelated to Principal Diagnosis with CC MS-DRG 982.**
- **Non-Extensive OR Procedures Unrelated to Principal Diagnosis with CC MS-DRG 989.**
- **Non-Extensive OR Procedure Unrelated to Principal Diangosis with CC MS-DRG 988.**
- **Extensive OR Procedure Unrelated to Principal Diagnosis without CC/MCC MS-DRG 983.**
- **Other OR Procedures for Injuries without CC/MCC MS-DRG 909.**
- **Malignancy, Female Reproductive System without CC/MCC MS-DRG 756.**
- **Female Reproductive System Reconstructive Procedures MS-DRG 748.**
- **Uterine & Adnexa Procedures for Non-Malignancy without CC/MCC MS-DRG 743.**
- **Other OR Procedures of the Blood and Blood Forming Organs without CC/MCC MS-DRG 804.**
- **Other OR Procedures for Injuries with MCC MS-DRG 907.**
- **Lymphoma and Non-Acute Leukemia with Other OR Procedures without CC/MCC MS-DRG 825.**
- **Lymphoma and Non-Acute Leukemia with Major OR Procedures without CC/MCC MS-DRG 822.**
- [Updated Region D MS-DRG Focus List](#)

To assist you in keeping abreast of the RAC program, we will continue to send out updates similar to this when we have RAC news to share. Please provide this information to the RAC contact at your facility.

Please feel free to contact the Amphion Experts with any questions.

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