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BLOG CATCH-UP



Janssen Single-Dose COVID-19 Vaccine is Pending FDA Emergency Use Authorization

Janssen Biotech, Inc. applied to the FDA for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of its single-dose COVID-19 vaccine, which may be a highly desirable weapon used to fight the virus based on characteristics and efficacy data.

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Effective Dates Now Known for Pfizer and Moderna Vaccines, Astrazeneca Vaccine Coming

Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccine doses receive effective dates, AstraZeneca vaccine assigned procedure codes but not yet effective.

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CMS Adds New HCPCS COVID-19 Lab Code

CMS is adjusting its payment policy for COVID-19 laboratory tests starting in Jan 1, 2021 in order to incentivize high throughput COVID-19 laboratory test results and ensure turnaround of results are provided in a clinically meaningful timeframe.

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PRODUCT UPDATES

Fraud, Waste and Abuse Pre-Payment Rules

A series of new FWA pre-payment detection rules were created based on emerging trends identified through Context's continued involvement with the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association (NHCAA):

- <u>118011</u> Reviews claim with certain skin care procedure codes with diagnosis codes that suggest the procedure was performed for cosmetic purpose.
- <u>118012</u> Identifies overbilling of trigger point muscle injections.
- <u>118017</u> Identifies nasal turbinate fracture procedure billed with other conflicting therapeutic turbinate procedures (excision, resection, ablation).
- <u>118018</u> Identifies claims with nasal fracture treatment without history of nasal fracture. Consider documentation review to determine if procedure was cosmetic in nature.
- <u>118019</u> Identifies billing of breast pump replacement supplies with the initial breast pump purchase.

Additional new FWA rules have been created based upon the AMA CPT 2021 codes and rules updates to the Chronic Care Management Services (CCMS):

- <u>118014</u> Alerts for the consideration of a medical documentation review when CCMS add-on code 99439 is reported twice per calendar month.
- <u>118016</u> Alerts for when CCMS add-on code 99439 is reported more than twice per calendar month.

PRODUCT UPDATES

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Context⁴ Payment Integrity Solution Analytics Expansion

Recently we have expanded the functionality of the C4 Payment Integrity solution with targeted analytics to assist in detecting a number of expanding FWA schemes. We've also added several data extract capabilities to allow aberrant provider billing and utilization behaviors.

New FWA "Trips to Nowhere" Report

Identifies wehre providers billed non-emergency medical transportation services for patients on days when there are no associated medical services billed for the patient.

New FWA "Impossible Hours" Report

Designed to identify potentially excessive E&M and non-E&M time-based services to detect abusive billing patterns revealed by billing for more services than the provider likely worked.

Provider Specialty Claim Data Extract

Allows users to extract claim data information for all providers of a specified specialty within a specified date range. The user can analyze the resulting claim data extract to identify abberant activity outside of the peer group, or if providers of a certain specialty are billing for services that are outside the norm for providers of that specialty.

Provider Claim Data Extract

Allows uers to easily extract claim data information for a specified NPI within a specified date range. The results provide the user with a dataset of information that can be analyzed to further the investigation.

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