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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-ICD-10-CM Sequela (7th character "S") Codes

The ICD10 manual defines sequela as “the residual effect (condition produced) after the acute phase of an illness or injury has terminated”. Coding of sequela requires 2 codes-coding/reporting of the condition or nature of the sequela and the sequela (7th character "S") code. Sequela diagnosis codes should not be the only diagnosis reported on a claim.