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Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) Update

On February 15, 2024, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a new transmittal regarding Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) as a follow-up to their comments in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Fiscal Year 2024 Final Rule. This transmittal implements the suspension of the AUC program.

In short, CMS is instructing local contractors to not deny claims with AUC modifiers or G codes through the end of 2024 as organizations unwind their current claim submission processes. Effective January 1, 2025, all contractors shall end all AUC program related edits.

The full transmittal with additional information can be read at the follow link. <u>www.cms.gov/files/document/r12508otn.pdf</u>