Inappropriate Primary Diagnosis

Summary
This policy addresses billing guidelines for reporting ICD-10-CM (International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification) codes that should always be sequenced as a secondary or subsequent diagnosis on a CMS1500 claim form or its electronic equivalent.

Policy Statement
According to the ICD-10-CM guidelines, certain diagnoses should not be billed as a primary or first diagnosis and should always be sequenced as a secondary or subsequent diagnosis. Consistent with CMS, Medica will apply diagnosis coding guidelines that identify codes that should never be billed as a primary diagnosis.

Code List
On or after date of service 10/1/2016:
Inappropriate Primary Diagnosis ICD-10-CM Code List

Resources
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification*
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

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Revision Updates
- 01/01/2018 Code list update
- 11/09/2017 Annual policy review
- 02/23/2017 Code list update; removed ICD-9-CM guidelines
- 08/18/2016 Annual policy review
- 01/01/2016 Code list update
- 09/29/2015 Annual policy review; addition of ICD-10-CM code list

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