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Comments and Responses Regarding Draft Local Coverage Determination: Ionized Calcium

As an important part of Medicare Local Coverage Determination (LCD) development, National Government Services solicits comments from the provider community and from members of the public who may be affected by or interested in our LCDs. The purpose of the advice and comment process is to gain the expertise and experience of those commenting.

We would like to thank those who suggested changes to the draft Ionized Calcium LCD. The official notice period for the final LCD begins on April 15, 2009, and the final determination will become effective on July 1, 2009.

Comment: One commenter suggested that the clinical usefulness post parathyroidectomy should be included.

Response: We feel this indication is already included in the list of "ICD-9-CM codes that Support Medical Necessity".