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Comments and Responses Regarding Draft Local Coverage Determination: Electromagnetic Navigation for Bronchoscopy

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.

No external comments were received for the draft Electromagnetic Navigation for Bronchoscopy LCD. Several internal comments were received regarding the ICD-9-CM codes in the "ICD-9-CM Codes that Support Medical Necessity" section. The commenter recommended including ICD-9-CM code 518.89 for a solitary pulmonary nodule. This addition along with a coding instruction has been made to the LCD and the Supplemental Instructions Article (SIA). ICD-9-CM code 785.6 was removed from this section because it did not correlate to a covered indication. A coding instruction for the use of ICD-9-CM code 793.1 was added to the LCD and the SIA. The official notice period for the final LCD begins on October 17, 2009 and the final determination will become effective on December 1, 2009.

