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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Updates for Medical Severity Diagnosis Related Groups (MS-DRG) Subject to Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Replaced Devices Offered Without Cost or With a Credit Policy

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to update the list of MS-DRGs subject to the FY 2026 IPPS payment policy for replaced devices offered without cost or with a credit.

This recurring update notification applies to Chapter 3, Section 100.8.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 6, 2025

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	N/A

III. FUNDING:

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reduces a hospital's IPPS payment for specified MS-DRGs, when the implantation of a device is replaced without cost or with a credit equal to 50 percent or more of the cost of the replacement device. New MS-DRGs are added to the list, subject to the IPPS payment policy for replaced devices offered without cost or with a credit, when they are formed from procedures assigned to MS-DRGs that were previously on the list.

For FY 2026, MS-DRGs 209 and 213 are being added to the IPPS payment policy for replaced devices offered without cost or with a credit. No MS-DRGs are being removed from the list.

B. Policy: The following are added to the list of MS-DRGs subject to the policy for reducing payment for replaced devices offered without cost or with a credit:

- 209- Complex Aortic Arch Procedures
- 213- Endovascular Abdominal Aorta with Iliac Branch Procedures

The following MS-DRGs have conforming title changes:

- 023- Craniotomy with Major Device Implant or Acute Complex CNS Principal Diagnosis with MCC or Antineoplastic Implant or Epilepsy with Neurostimulator
- 024- Craniotomy with Major Device Implant or Acute Complex CNS Principal Diagnosis without MCC

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III. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
14136.1	<p>The Shared System Maintainer (SSM) shall update current edits and system processes for replaced devices offered without cost or with a credit, effective for discharges on or after 10/01/2025.</p> <p>Refer to Attachment A: FY 2026 MS-DRGs Subject to IPPS Replaced Devices Offered Without Cost or With a Credit Policy.</p>					X				

IV. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Medicare Learning Network® (MLN): CMS will develop and release national provider education content and market it through the MLN Connects® newsletter shortly after we issue the CR. MACs shall link to relevant information on your website and follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1 for distributing the newsletter to providers. When you follow this manual section, you don't need to separately track and report MLN content releases. You may supplement with your local educational content after we release the newsletter.

Impacted Contractors: A/B MAC Part A

V. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
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Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

VI. CONTACTS

Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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MDC	MS-DRG	MS-DRG TITLE
Pre-MDC	001	Heart Transplant or Implant of Heart Assist System with MCC
Pre-MDC	002	Heart Transplant or Implant of Heart Assist System without MCC
01	023	<i>Craniotomy with Major Device Implant or Acute Complex CNS Principal Diagnosis with MCC or Antineoplastic Implant or Epilepsy with Neurostimulator</i>
01	024	<i>Craniotomy with Major Device Implant or Acute Complex CNS Principal Diagnosis without MCC</i>
01	025	Craniotomy and Endovascular Intracranial Procedures with MCC
01	026	Craniotomy and Endovascular Intracranial Procedures with CC
01	027	Craniotomy and Endovascular Intracranial Procedures without CC/MCC
01	040	Peripheral, Cranial Nerve and Other Nervous System Procedures with MCC
01	041	Peripheral, Cranial Nerve and Other Nervous System Procedures with CC or Peripheral Neurostimulator
01	042	Peripheral, Cranial Nerve and Other Nervous System Procedures without CC/MCC
03	140	Major Head and Neck Procedures with MCC
03	141	Major Head and Neck Procedures with CC
03	142	Major Head and Neck Procedures without CC/MCC
05	209	<i>Complex Aortic Arch Procedures</i>
05	213	<i>Endovascular Abdominal Aorta with Iliac Branch Procedures</i>
05	215	Other Heart Assist System Implant
05	216	Cardiac Valve and Other Major Cardiothoracic Procedure with Cardiac Catheterization with MCC
05	217	Cardiac Valve and Other Major Cardiothoracic Procedure with Cardiac Catheterization with CC

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MDC	MS-DRG	MS-DRG TITLE
05	218	Cardiac Valve and Other Major Cardiothoracic Procedure with Cardiac Catheterization without CC/MCC
05	219	Cardiac Valve and Other Major Cardiothoracic Procedure without Cardiac Catheterization with MCC
05	220	Cardiac Valve and Other Major Cardiothoracic Procedure without Cardiac Catheterization with CC
05	221	Cardiac Valve and Other Major Cardiothoracic Procedure without Cardiac Catheterization without CC/MCC
05	242	Permanent Cardiac Pacemaker Implant with MCC
05	243	Permanent Cardiac Pacemaker Implant with CC
05	244	Permanent Cardiac Pacemaker Implant without CC/MCC
05	245	AICD Generator Procedures
05	258	Cardiac Pacemaker Device Replacement with MCC
05	259	Cardiac Pacemaker Device Replacement without MCC
05	260	Cardiac Pacemaker Revision Except Device Replacement with MCC
05	261	Cardiac Pacemaker Revision Except Device Replacement with CC
05	262	Cardiac Pacemaker Revision Except Device Replacement without CC/MCC
05	265	AICD Lead Procedures
05	266	Endovascular Cardiac Valve Replacement and Supplement Procedures with MCC
05	267	Endovascular Cardiac Valve Replacement and Supplement Procedures without MCC
05	268	Aortic and Heart Assist Procedures Except Pulsation Balloon with MCC
05	269	Aortic and Heart Assist Procedures Except Pulsation Balloon without MCC
05	270	Other Major Cardiovascular Procedures with MCC
05	271	Other Major Cardiovascular Procedures with CC
05	272	Other Major Cardiovascular Procedures without CC/MCC
05	275	Cardiac Defibrillator Implant with Cardiac Catheterization and MCC
05	276	Cardiac Defibrillator Implant with MCC or Carotid Sinus Neurostimulator
05	277	Cardiac Defibrillator Implant without MCC
05	319	Other Endovascular Cardiac Valve Procedures with MCC

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MDC	MS-DRG	MS-DRG TITLE
05	320	Other Endovascular Cardiac Valve Procedures without MCC
08	461	Bilateral or Multiple Major Joint Procedures of Lower Extremity with MCC
08	462	Bilateral or Multiple Major Joint Procedures of Lower Extremity without MCC
08	466	Revision of Hip or Knee Replacement with MCC
08	467	Revision of Hip or Knee Replacement with CC
08	468	Revision of Hip or Knee Replacement without CC/MCC
08	469	Major Hip and Knee Joint Replacement or Reattachment of Lower Extremity with MCC or Total Ankle Replacement
08	470	Major Hip and Knee Joint Replacement or Reattachment of Lower Extremity without MCC
08	521	Hip Replacement with Principal Diagnosis of Hip Fracture with MCC
08	522	Hip Replacement with Principal Diagnosis of Hip Fracture without MCC