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Dear Providers,

Here is an update on the GI panel reimbursement that takes effect 10/1/2021. Please pass this along to whom it concerns.

“Palmetto and CGS have made a significant change to the GI panel local coverage coding article. PLA code 0097U has been changed to a group 2 code. The article also now requires dual coding of an ICD 10 code. With the changes, Palmetto and CGS now require providers to use an ICD-10 code from the group 1 codes along with a code from the group 2 ICD 10 code list. The new coding requirements go into effect 10/1/21. If the claims are not dual coded, with a date of service 10/1/21 and forward, the claims will be **denied**. Note that there are a number of broad ICD-10 codes included as group 1 codes and that R19.7 “diarrhea unspecified” is listed as a group 2 code. Providers CANNOT use the same code twice so dual coding R19.7 will most likely result in the claim being **denied**. Providers should determine whether there are codes in both group 1 and group 2 that apply to patients they are running the GI panel on.”

[Billing and Coding: Foodborne Gastrointestinal Panels Identified by Multiplex Nucleic Acid Amplification](#)

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Thanks!