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SUBJECT: DMERCs - Common Working File to Add ICD-9 Diagnosis Code for Oral Anti-Cancer Drugs

This instruction is to revise the ICD-9 diagnosis codes in CWF for oral anti-cancer drugs.

ICD-9 Code 273.3 (Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia) should be added to the ICD-9 diagnosis codes currently accepted for cancer diagnosis.

The current CWF diagnosis codes -- Codes V58.0 and I40-239.9 do not all represent a cancer diagnosis. The correct ICD-9 code range should be - I40.0 through 208.9 and 236.1 and 273.3.

The effective date of this Program Memorandum is January 1, 2001.

The implementation date for this Program Memorandum is January 1, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current budget.

This Program Memorandum may be discarded after January 1, 2002.

DMERC contractors should contact the appropriate lead regional office project officer with any questions related to this operational Program Memorandum.