



# NETWORK *Notification*

**Notice Date:** September 25, 2024  
**To:** Georgia D-SNP, Marketplace and Medicaid Providers  
**From:** CareSource  
**Subject:** ICD-10-CM Excludes1 Note  
**Effective Date:** October 1, 2024

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## Summary

Beginning with claims processed **on or after October 1, 2024**, CareSource will apply claims editing logic related to Excludes1 notes from ICD-10-CM coding guidelines. To ensure accurate claims processing, providers are advised to review ICD-10-CM coding guidelines when selecting the most appropriate diagnosis for claims and to always code with the highest level of specificity. If a category level indication suggests that a code can be billed with another range of codes, it is crucial to check for Excludes1 notes that may prevent billing certain code combinations.

Examples of Excludes1 rule violations include:

- The diagnosis code for "Bronchitis, not specified" (J40) has an Excludes1 note specifying that it should not be billed with "Acute bronchitis" (J20.-); submitting both codes for a single encounter would violate the Excludes1 note and result in a denial.
- The diagnosis category for "Type 2 Diabetes" (E11.-) has an Excludes1 note indicating that it should not be billed with codes for "Gestational Diabetes" (O24.4-); submitting both codes for a single encounter would violate the Excludes1 note and result in a denial.

Providers should review Excludes1 notes carefully to ensure compliance and avoid claim denials.

## Questions?

Please contact Provider Services at **1-855-202-1058** with any questions. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

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