

# interChange Provider Important Message

**Attention: Pharmacy Providers, Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Clinics, Long Term Care Providers, and Hospitals Providers**

## **Coding Changes for Eteplirsen and Nusinersen**

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2018 and forward, the coding for Eteplirsen, marketed as Exondys 51 is changing. The existing procedure code C9484 will be end dated on 12/31/2017 and will be replaced with J1428 - Injection Eteplirsen, 10mg effective 1/01/2018. The prior authorization requests for coverage of Eteplirsen are not changing. The authorization process is outlined in Provider Bulletin 2017-45 - Eteplirsen Coverage Guidelines.

The Eteplirsen Coverage Guidelines document is available on the [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com) Web page under Pharmacy Information → Pharmacy Program Publications → Eteplirsen Coverage Guidelines.

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2018 and forward the coding for Nusinersen, marketed as Spinraza™ is changing. The existing procedure code C9489 will be end dated on 12/31/2017 and will be replaced with J2326 - Injection, Nusinersen, 0.1mg effective 1/01/2018. PA requests for coverage of Nusinersen are not changing and should follow the authorization process as outlined in Provider Bulletin 2017-71 - Nusinersen Coverage Guidelines - Revised to include a Prior Authorization Process for Outpatient Hospitals.

The Spinraza PA Request Form for outpatient hospitals is available on the HUSKY Health Web site at: [www.ct.gov/husky](http://www.ct.gov/husky). To access the form, click on For Providers, followed by Prior Authorization Forms and Manuals under the Prior Authorization menu item.

Due to the delay in receiving the CMS Addendum B files and the inability to update the claims processing system by January 1, 2018, claims submitted with the new procedure codes will deny. Providers may either hold claims until the system is updated or if they submit claims with the new procedure code, the claim will deny until the system is updated. All claims submitted prior to the system update will be ID & Reprocessed. The date of the ID & reprocessing will be communicated in a separate important message. The January version of CMAP Addendum B will be updated and posted to the [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com) Website after January 1, 2018.