Medicare List of Unacceptable Principal Diagnosis Codes

Effective with dates of service on and after October 22, 2016, Kansas Medicaid will adopt the Medicare list of unacceptable principal (primary) diagnosis codes in various health care settings. The Medicare list of unacceptable principal (primary) diagnosis codes can be found on the Details for title: FY 2016 Final Rule and Correction Notice Data Files page of the CMS website. Once the page opens, scroll down to the Downloads box and click the Definition of Medicare Code Edits v33 link. The groups of codes referenced from the Medicare document are:

- External causes of morbidity
- Manifestation codes
- Unacceptable primary diagnosis codes

Note: Additional codes were added to the unacceptable primary diagnosis code list which do not appear in the Medicare listing. These codes are referenced in the 2016 ICD-10-CM Expert for Physicians with instructions which include but are not limited to: code first the underlying or associated condition, disease, or toxic agent as the primary code.