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Dear Practice Colleagues

LES Activity Recording and Coding Update

Thankyou for your continued work to successfully deliver the services in full. This letter aims to outline some issues that we have identified in reviewing activity recording and specific coding issues.

Diabetes LES & Initiation of GLP-1 for Obesity

For confirmation – if the intention of commencing a GLP-1 is for weight management (under the NHS weight management guidance) rather than diabetic control then this activity will not be eligible for the Diabetes LES claims process. Resourcing of this is provided through the QOF scheme for 26/27.

Work is ongoing at the present time to understand the demand and implications of the NICE TA 1152 covering use of Semaglutide for reducing risk of cardiac events. Similarly it is not appropriate to claim this activity via the Diabetes LES mechanism. Further information will be forthcoming from the ICB team in due course.

Phlebotomy LES

A supportive reminder that the intention of the phlebotomy coding is for episodes of phlebotomy undertaken within practice only.

If a patient has more than one blood sample (or blood tube) only a single code needs to be recorded. Any additional codes added on the same day will be not contribute to activity counts.

If a patient has a blood test undertaken in another care setting (i.e. outpatient phlebotomy) this should not be recorded using any of the Phlebotomy LES codes.

General Coding

It has been brought to our attention that there have been a series of patients who have had not had the correct claim code recorded within EMIS and were unable to be reviewed through the DQ support searches.

The LES at greatest risk of impact were:

1. ECG
2. Phlebotomy
3. Ring Pessary
4. Simple Injections
5. Wound Care

We would advise all practices to ensure at point of care that appropriate coding is added to ensure accurate recording and ability to claim for work undertaken.

Long Term Condition LES

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the review of the long term condition LES at the recent workshops. We are currently in the process of going through the feedback and will let everyone know of future changes in due course.



Dr John Miles
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