

# **Revascularization for Lower Extremity Chronic Critical Limb Ischemia Measure**

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### Purpose

This document contains a changelog of coding updates made as a part of September 2019 measure maintenance for the Revascularization for Lower Extremity Chronic Critical Limb Ischemia episode-based cost measure. This round of measure maintenance consists of routine coding updates to identify relevant, newly added or removed codes for 2019 (e.g., ICD-10-CM diagnosis ["DGN"] codes, ICD-10 procedure ["PCS"] codes, CPT/HCPCS codes, MS-DRG codes) to ensure that the measure continues to meet measure intent and clinical accuracy in light of coding updates. In addition to routine coding updates, comprehensive reevaluation may be conducted in future rounds of measure maintenance.

This changelog should be reviewed alongside the most recent full measure specifications: the Measure Codes List file and the Cost Measure Information Form (MIF).<sup>1</sup> The sections below outline any coding updates made to trigger codes and logic, sub-groups, risk adjustment variables, and measure-specific exclusions (as applicable) as a part of maintenance and refer to specific tabs within the Measure Codes List file where the previous iteration of measure specifications can be found for comparison. Unless otherwise noted, additional codes within a specification will be added using the same logic as existing codes within a specification (e.g., using the same lookback period or claim types).

The next version of the full measure specifications (which will incorporate updates listed in this changelog) will be posted to the QPP Resource Library by December 31, 2019, in accordance with statutory guidelines.

### Changelog

#### Trigger Codes and Logic

*Refer to existing specifications on Measure Codes List tabs: Triggers*

- No changes

#### Sub-Groups

*Refer to existing specifications on Measure Codes List tabs: Sub\_Groups*

- No changes

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<sup>1</sup> The Revascularization for Lower Extremity Chronic Critical Limb Ischemia Measure Codes List file and the Revascularization for Lower Extremity Chronic Critical Limb Ischemia MIF can be [downloaded from the QPP Resource Library](#).

## Risk Adjustment Variables

Refer to existing specifications on Measure Codes List tabs: *RA\_Vars*, *RA\_Vars\_Details*

Risk Adjustor	Change Type	Change Details
<b>Smoking</b>	Name change for clarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rename risk adjustment variable to “Smoking/Tobacco Use”</li></ul>
<b>Smoking/Tobacco Use</b>	Add additional ICD-10 DGN codes to existing risk adjustment variable definition for comprehensiveness to ensure risk adjustor continues to reflect clinical intent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>F17: Nicotine dependence</li><li>O9933: Tobacco use disorder complicating pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium</li><li>Z87891: Personal history of nicotine dependence</li></ul>
<b>Smoking/Tobacco Use</b>	Add additional ICD-10 DGN codes to existing risk adjustment variable definition for comprehensiveness to ensure risk adjustor continues to reflect clinical intent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Add all ICD-10 DGNs under T652 (Toxic effect of tobacco and nicotine) rather than just toxic effect of tobacco cigarette codes T65224A (Toxic Effect Of Tobacco Cigarettes, Undetermined, Initial Encounter), T65224D (Toxic Effect Of Tobacco Cigarettes, Undetermined, Subsequent Encounter), and T65224S (Toxic Effect Of Tobacco Cigarettes, Undetermined, Sequela)</li></ul>

## Measure-Specific Exclusions

Refer to existing specifications on Measure Codes List tabs: *Trigger\_Exclusions*

- No changes**