

## Email from Novitas and First Coast

We'd like to express our sincere appreciation to the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) and everyone who joined today's discussion with First Coast Service Options Lead Executive Contractor Medical Director Dr. Anitra Graves, Novitas Solutions CMD Dr. Peter Goldzweig, and Novitas Solutions CMD Dr. Eric Kerstman. Your time and engagement in addressing the ICD-10 diagnosis issue related to the Billing and Coding Article: [Botulinum Toxins \(A58423\)](#) were invaluable.

Together, we explored options for a temporary solution until new diagnosis codes specific to spasticity secondary to related types of paralysis can be developed. We've prioritized implementing this temporary solution in both the Novitas and First Coast Billing and Coding Article and our systems. Once we have a clearer timeline, we'll share an estimated resolution date and confirm when the update is fully in place.

Please note, the planned update—using diagnosis code **M62.838** along with the specified codes highlighted in the attachment provided by Ms. Carolyn Millett on November 19, 2025—should not impact patient care. This administrative solution is being developed to implement *existing* LCD coverage for this service; therefore, providers should continue performing these services and may either hold claims until the fix is implemented or submit them for [reopening](#) if denied prior to the system update.

We also appreciate the interest shown by AAPM&R members in serving as CAC members for Novitas Solutions (Jurisdictions H and L) and First Coast Service Options (Jurisdiction N). We would be delighted to welcome CAC members from AAPM&R for:

- **Novitas Jurisdiction H (JH):** Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas
- **Novitas Jurisdiction L (JL):** Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and the DC Metro Area
- **First Coast Jurisdiction N (JN):** Florida, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands

To nominate CAC members, please provide a nomination letter on your society's letterhead including:

- Nominee's name, credentials, specialty
- Contact information (address, email, phone)
- Medical practice name (if applicable)
- Individual NPI and group NPI (if applicable)

Send nominations via email to [medicalaffairs@guidewellsource.com](mailto:medicalaffairs@guidewellsource.com) or fax to (717) 526-6389. For reference, Novitas' webpage **Assist us in developing local coverage determinations (LCDs) – Volunteer as a CAC member!** ([JH](#), [JL](#)) and First Coast's **Volunteer as a CAC member** ([JN](#)) page provide additional details. Please let us know if you need assistance.

Once nominations are received, we'll complete our vetting process. Accepted members will receive Conflict of Interest and Consent to Disclose and Publish Expert Opinion forms, as required by regulations, followed by details on upcoming CAC and Open Meetings.

Thank you again for your continued interest in the Medicare program. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me directly or via our Medical Affairs mailbox at [MedicalAffairs@guidewellsource.com](mailto:MedicalAffairs@guidewellsource.com).