

CDS Implementation Checklist

This brief checklist can help your practice plan its implementation of Clinical Decision Support:

- ✓ Make sure your medical, professional, and IT staff are aware of the approaching CMS deadlines.
- ✓ Explain why you are doing this - legislative requirement and quality improvements.
- ✓ Ensure that your IT/informatics team is incorporating AUC into your electronic medical record (EMR) and image ordering and fulfillment systems.
- ✓ Meet with stakeholders
- ✓ Obtain buy-in from key internal decision-makers
- ✓ Obtain buy-in from information systems (IS) and information technology (IT)
- ✓ Obtain buy-in from ordering practitioners
- ✓ Educate relevant staff on how to use the AUC/CDS system you choose - your qCDSM vendor can help.
- ✓ Hold regularly-scheduled conference calls with your CDSM vendor, IS/IT and ordering provider leaders
- ✓ Provide operational education materials for mandatory viewing prior to launching your CDS system



- Fairfield 1055 Post Road
- Orange 297 Boston Post Road
- Shelton 4 Corporate Drive
- Stamford 1259 East Main Street
- Stratford 2876 Main Street
- Trumbull 15 Corporate Drive
- Wilton 30 Danbury Road



Clinical Decision Support

Preparing for appropriate imaging and accountability through the use of clinical decision support tools and close collaboration.

Beginning January 1, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will begin the Educational and Operations Testing period for Clinical Decision Support (CDS). Ordering providers will be asked to include a code on all Medicare Part B advanced diagnostic imaging requests signifying that they have consulted a qualified Clinical Decision Support Mechanism (CDSM). The imaging providers must also report the CDSM consultation on their Medicare claims.

When the testing period ends and reimbursement denials begin (currently scheduled for January 1, 2021), a clinical decision consult must be documented via a CMS-qualified clinical decision support mechanism. Without a documented consult, rendering providers will not receive Medicare

payment for the procedure, and may begin returning or denying orders from non-compliant ordering providers.

Advanced Radiology is committed to being a trusted partner in caring for your patients. We take seriously our role in assuring a smooth transition to the use of CDS, for our referring practices and ourselves. With that responsibility in mind, we will continue to provide valuable information to help you understand CDS and guide you through the process of selecting a CDSM, integrating it into your practice, and using it to enhance your patient/doctor relationships.

In our final issue, we recap the important information you need for CDS implementation...

“Hopefully, the real question for many of us is ‘Did I come out of the encounter with the best care and the best plan going forward?’ We all know that doctors aren’t omniscient and that they make mistakes,” he says. “For me, I’d rather know that by whatever means necessary, I got the best advice and the best result.”

Jonathan Teich, MD, PhD
Chief Medical Informatics, Health Sciences Division, Elsevier
Physician, Brigham and Women’s Hospital

Schaeffer, J. “CDS Tools and Patient Satisfaction,” <https://www.fortherecordmag.com/>, Vol. 25 No. 6 P. 6, April 2013.

CDS Resources and Information

Helpful information on Clinical Decision Support education, implementation, and training are abundant and available free of charge. Here are just a few sources:

About Clinical Decision Support:

The American College of Radiology
<https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Clinical-Decision-Support>

Selecting Your CDS Mechanism:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Appropriate-Use-Criteria-Program/CDSM.html>

The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)
<https://www.himss.org/library/clinical-decision-support/guidebook-series?navItemNumber=16571>

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) <https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/3-4-3-successful-cds.pdf>

Introducing Your Practice to CDS:

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)
<https://www.healthit.gov/topic/safety/clinical-decision-support>

American Medical Association EdHub™
<https://edhub.ama-assn.org/collections/5589/clinical-decision-support>

The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)
<https://www.himss.org/library/clinical-decision-support>

How Clinical Decision Support Works:



CDS Milestones



July 2018 to December 2019: Voluntary Reporting Period

The voluntary reporting period allows time for organizations to verify the accuracy of reported claims data to ensure payment in preparation for the January 2020 start date.



January through December 2020: Educational and Operations Testing

Requirements for consultation and data submission are scheduled to begin with a one-year educational and testing period. During the first year of the program, consultation is required; however, CMS will not impose penalties on furnishing providers, nor use the data to determine outliers.



January 2021: Reimbursement Denials Begin

Beginning January 1, 2021, CMS will only pay claims that include the necessary evidence of AUC consultation. If you order Medicare Part B advanced diagnostic imaging services (MR, CT, Nuclear Medicine, or PET), you must consult Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) through a qualified Clinical Decision Support Mechanism (CDSM). You must also provide the information to furnishing professionals and facilities. They in turn must report AUC consultation information on their Medicare claims.



January 2023 or 2024: Outliers Identified

Up to 5% of ordering providers will be identified as outliers and required to obtain per-authorization when ordering advanced diagnostic imaging services for their Medicare patients.

Preparing Your Practice For Clinical Decision Support

Have our communications helped prepare your practice for Clinical Decision Support?
Let us know by completing this brief survey...

Physician: _____

1. How aware were you of the CMS Clinical Decision Support requirements in January 2019?

- Not at all aware
- Somewhat aware
- Very Aware

2. How aware are you of CMS Clinical Decision Support requirements today?

- Not at all aware
- Somewhat aware
- Very Aware

3. Do you believe your practice is prepared to meet the CMS Clinical Decision Support requirements in January 2020?

- Y N

4. Does your practice have a CDS tool in place?

- Y N

5. How can Advanced Radiology best assist you in meeting your CDS requirements?

We appreciate your participation in this survey.

Please return your responses to your Practice Liaison, fax them to
Bob Evangelista at 203.696.6130, or email them to Bob.Evangelista@AdRad.com.

Thank you for helping us better understand your needs.



203.337.XRAY (9729) AdRad.com