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	Purpose:	Provider Bulletin: Maintain providers informed on when and how to bill manifestation codes
	Subject:	Manifestation Billing Codes
	Products:	MMA, LTC
	From:	<u>Provider Relations</u>

Dear Provider,

When choosing and assigning diagnosis codes, it's important to choose the correct codes to make sure your claims process efficiently and without any issues. Aetna Better Health of Florida (ABHFL) promotes correct claims coding, including the appropriate use of manifestation codes. Manifestation codes describe the manifestation of an underlying disease, not the disease itself.

Per our policy, which is based on ICD Manual guidelines, certain conditions have both an underlying etiology and multiple body system manifestations due to the underlying etiology. For such conditions, the ICD Manual coding guidelines have established a coding convention that requires the underlying condition to be sequenced first followed by the manifestation. Based on this guideline, a manifestation code cannot be the only diagnosis on the claim.

Manifestation Code Examples	
Code	Description
D63.1	Anemia in chronic kidney disease
E08.9	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition without complications
M63.80	Disorders of muscle in diseases classified elsewhere, unspecified site
G05.4	Myelitis in diseases classified elsewhere

Note: *Manifestation codes are backed by blue highlights in the ICD-10-CM Manual*

When billing Manifestation Codes, please:

- Do not report a manifestation code as the only diagnosis
- Do not report a manifestation code as a first-listed or principal diagnosis
- Code the underlying disease/condition as the primary diagnosis

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Thank you

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