

# MEDICARE PART A BULLETIN

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General Medicare Bulletin G-265

TO: All Medicare Providers

FROM: Andy DePirro, Director Program Relations

SUBJECT: **CORRECTION TO GENERAL MEDICARE BULLETIN G-253: NO GRACE PERIOD FOR SPECIFIC RADIOLOGY CODES (76070, 76075, AND 76850) DELETED FOR SERVICES RENDERED ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 1997**

**ATTENTION MEDICARE BUSINESS OFFICE MANAGER:** Please distribute to the appropriate health care facility personnel.

General Medicare Bulletin G-253, published December 20, 1996, advised providers of specific revisions for radiology and other diagnostic changes. The bulletin also inappropriately instructed that a grace period would be allowed, through March 31, 1997, for three specific HCPCS codes (76070, 76075 and 76850). These codes were **deleted** from those subject to the fee limitations, effective January 1, 1997; **therefore, a grace period is not allowed for the following HCPCS codes:**

76070	[To report for 1997 services, reference CPT code G0062]
76075	[To report for 1997 services, reference CPT code G0063]
78350	[To report for 1997 services, reference CPT code G0062]

**Providers should immediately implement these 1997 replacement codes (G0062 and G0063) and cease billing the deleted codes.** Since Bulletin G-253 advised of a grace period, the intermediary will crosswalk claims billed with the deleted codes (76070, 76075, and 78350) on an interim basis. Claims received by the intermediary on and after February 10, 1997, will result in a return-to-provider (RTP) claim, if the appropriate 1997 HCPCS replacement codes (G0062 and G0063) are not utilized.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused your business office operation.