Technical Corrections to Coding Information for Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has issued a list of long descriptor corrections to include the trade/brand names and/or model numbers to the specific assigned C-code for devices eligible for transitional pass-through payments under the OPPS. The long descriptors in this publication supersede any previously published long descriptors for each C-code listed in the following pages. Unless otherwise indicated, the effective date for the items in this publication applies to the date of service furnished on or after October 1, 2000.

The Outpatient Code Editor and PRICER systems currently contain the codes included in this document. The long descriptors for some of the codes listed below may change with the upcoming 2001 HCPCS annual update effective January 1, 2001.

All of the C-codes included in this article are used exclusively for services paid under the outpatient PPS and may not be used to bill services paid under other Medicare payment systems. The listing of HCPCS codes contained in this instruction does not assure coverage of the specific item or service in a given case. To be eligible for pass-through and new device technology payments, the items contained in this document must be considered reasonable and necessary.

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C1036 | Port/reservoir, venous access device, Vaxcel Implantable Vascular Access System, R Port Premier Vascular Access System | C2014 | Catheter, ablation, Biosense Webster Celsius II Asymmetrical Ablation Catheter, Cardiac Pathways Chilli Cooled Ablation Catheter Standard Curve (Model 3005) or Large Curve (Model 3006)
C1040 | Stent, self-expandable for creation of intrahepatic shunts, Wallstent Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt (TIPS) with Unistep Plus Delivery System (40/42/60/68 mm in length), Wallstent RP TIPS Endoprosthesis with Unistep Plus Delivery System (42/68 mm in length) | C2017 | Catheter, ablation, Navi-Star Diagnostic/Ablation Deflectable Tip Catheter, Cardiac Pathways Chilli Cooled Ablation Catheter 41422, 41442, 45422, 45442, 43422, 43442
C1859 | DuraDerm Acellular Allograft, per 21, 24 or 28 square centimeters, Dermagraft, per 37.5 square centimeters | C2609 | Catheter, Flexima Biliary Drainage Catheter with Locking Pigtail, Boston Scientific Contour Soft Percuflex Stent with Hydroplus Coating (Braided), Contour Soft Percuflex Stent with Hydroplus Coating, Contour VL Variable Length Percuflex Stent with Hydroplus Coating, Percuflex Plus Stent with Hydroplus Coating, Percuflex Stent (Braided)
C2002 | Catheter, Irvine Inquiry Steerable Electrophysiology 5F Catheter, Cardiac Pathways RV Reference Catheter, Cardiac Pathways 7F Radii Catheter | C5283 | Stent, self-expandable for creation of intrahepatic shunts, Wallstent Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt (TIPS) with Unistep Plus Delivery System (90/94 mm in length), Wallstent RP TIPS Endoprosthesis with Unistep Plus Delivery System (94 mm in length)
C2010 | Catheter, electrophysiology, Cordis Fixed Curve
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**NOTE:** The HCPCS code assigned to the device(s) listed in this PM may be used only for that specific device. An already-assigned HCPCS C-code may not be substituted for a different brand/trade name device not listed in this PM, even if it is the same type of device. ✧