

Medicare A Bulletin

A Newsletter for Florida Medicare Part A Providers

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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HCPCS CODE	Long Descriptors for Pass-Through Devices	HCPCS CODE	Long Descriptors for Pass-Through Devices
C1000	Closure, arterial vascular device, Perclose Closer Arterial Vascular Closure Device, Prostar Arterial Vascular Closure Device, Vascular Solutions Duett Sealing Device (Model 1000)		Catheter (Decapolar Small Anatomy Models only, Hexapolar Small Anatomy Models only, Octapolar Small Anatomy Models only, Quadrapolar Small Anatomy Models only), Bard Viking Fixed Curve Catheter (Bipolar, Quadrapolar, ASP Models only)
C1036	Port/reservoir, venous access device, Vaxcel Implantable Vascular Access System, R Port Premier Vascular Access System	C2011	Catheter, electrophysiology, Cordis Deflectable Tip Catheter (Quadrapolar Small Anatomy Models only)
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) Note: Only the Wallstent RP TIPS Endoprosthesis with Unistep Plus Delivery System is effective October 1, 2000. The Wallstent TIPS Endoprosthesis with Unistep Plus Delivery System was effective August 1, 2000.	C2012	Catheter, ablation, Biosense Webster Celsius Braided Tip Ablation Catheter, Biosense Webster Celsius 5mm Temperature Ablation Catheter, Biosense Webster Celsius Temperature Sensing Diagnostic/Ablation Tip Catheter (formerly listed as Biosense Webster Celsius II Temperature Sensing Diagnostic/Ablation Tip Catheter)
C1100	Guide wire, percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty, Medtronic AVE GT1 Guide Wire, Medtronic AVE GT 2 Fusion Guide Wire	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)
C1371	Stent, biliary, Symphony Nitinol Stent Transhepatic Biliary System, Symphony Nitinol Biliary Stent with Radiopaque Markers	C2017	Catheter, ablation, Navi-Star Diagnostic/Ablation Deflectable Tip Catheter, Cardiac Pathways Chilli Cooled Ablation Catheter 41422, 41442, 45422, 45442, 43422, 43442
C1803	Brachytherapy seed, Best Industries Iodine 125, Nycomed Amersham I-125 (OncoSeed, Rapid Strand)	C2020	Catheter, ablation, Blazer II XP, Blazer II 6F, Blazer II High Torque
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, Flexima Biliary Drainage Catheter with Twist Loc Hub, Flexima Biliary Drainage Catheters with Temp Tip
C1937	Catheter, Synergy Balloon Dilatation Catheter, Explorer ST 6F	C5280	Stent, ureteral, Bard Inlay Double Pigtail Ureteral Stent, 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) Note: Only the Wallstent RP TIPS Endoprosthesis with Unistep Plus Delivery System is effective October 1, 2000. The Wallstent TIPS with Unistep Plus Delivery System was effective August 1, 2000.
C2004	Catheter, electrophysiology, EP Deflectable Tip Catheter, (Octapolar Small Anatomy Models only)		
C2005	Catheter, electrophysiology, EP Deflectable Tip Catheter (Hexapolar Small Anatomy Models only)		
C2006	Catheter, electrophysiology, EP Deflectable Tip Catheter (Decapolar Small Anatomy Models only)		
C2008	Catheter, electrophysiology, Irvine Luma-Cath 7F Steerable Electrophysiology Catheter Model 81910, Model 81915, Model 81912, Cardiac Pathways CS Reference Catheter		
C2009	Catheter, electrophysiology, Irvine Luma-Cath 7F Steerable Electrophysiology Catheter Model 81920, Cardiac Pathways 7F Radii Catheter with Tracking		
C2010	Catheter, electrophysiology, Cordis Fixed Curve		

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HCPCS C-code	Long Descriptors for New Device Technology Ambulatory Payment Classifications (APC)s	APC
C8522	Stent, biliary, PALMAZ Balloon Expandable Stent , Spiral Z Biliary Metal Expandable Stent, Za Biliary Metal Expandable Stent	990
C8529	Ismus Cath Deflectable 20-Pole Catheter/Crista Cath II Deflectable 20-Pole Catheter	990
C8532	Stent, esophageal, UltraFlex Esophageal Stent System, Esophageal Z Metal Expandable Stent with Dua Anti-Reflux Valve, Esophageal Z Metal Expandable Stent with Uncoated Flanges	991

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. ❖