October 2005 Update to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database

CMS has issued the following "Medlearn Matters... Information for Medicare Providers" article.

Note: This article was revised because CR4031 was revised on September 9, 2005. The CR release date and transmittal number (see above) were changed in the article to coincide with the revised CR. All other information in the article remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Physicians and providers billing Medicare carriers or intermediaries for services paid under the Medicare physician fee schedule

Provider Action Needed

Physicians, suppliers, and providers should be aware of the changes to the Medicare physician fee schedule database and identify those changes that affect their practice.

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CR4031 amends payment files issued to Medicare carriers and intermediaries based upon the November 15, 2004, final rules for the 2005 Medicare physician fee schedule database.

Additional Information

The changes to the fee schedule involve numerous *CPT*/HCPCS codes. While many of these changes are effective retroactive to January 1, 2005, please note that your carrier/FI will not reprocess claims already processed, unless you request them to do so.

The complete details of these changes to the October update to the 2005 Medicare fee schedule database are described in an attachment to CR 4031, which is the official instruction issued to your carrier/intermediary. That instruction may be viewed by going to the CMS website at *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/transmittals/comm_date_dsc.asp*.

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Routing Suggestions:

- Physician/Provider
 Office Manager
 Billing/Vendor
 Nursing Staff

Other ____

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From that Web page, look for CR 4031 in the CR NUM column on the right, and click on the file for that CR. If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare carrier/intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found on the CMS website at *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/tollnums.asp*.

The toll-free number for First Coast Service Options, Inc. Medicare Part B Customer Service Center is 1-866-454-9007.

Related Change Request (CR) Number: 4031 Related CR Release Date: September 9, 2005 Related CR Transmittal Number: 672 Effective Date: January 1, 2005 Implementation Date: October 3, 2005

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СРТ	Action	CPT/HCPO	CS Action	
0016T	Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2	37208	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
0017T	Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2	43240	Endoscopic Base Code = 43235	
0037T	Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2	49568	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
19297	Bilateral Indicator = 0	50320	Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2	
19340	Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2	54640	Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 0	
20931	Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2	57267	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
	Bilateral Indicator = 0	61609	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
20937	Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2	61610	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
	Bilateral Indicator = 0	61611	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
20938	Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2	61612	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
	Bilateral Indicator = 0	61864	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
22216	Bilateral Indicator = 0	61868	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
22226	Bilateral Indicator = 0	63035	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
27358	Bilateral Indicator = 0	63043	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
27692	Bilateral Indicator = 0	63044	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
28285	Bilateral Indicator = 1	63304	Co-Surgery Indicator = 1	
29866	Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2	63308	Co-Surgery Indicator = 1	
29867	Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2	64450	Bilateral Indicator = 1	
29868	Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2	64480	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
32000	Bilateral Indicator = 1	64484	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
32002	Bilateral Indicator = 1	66990	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
32501	Bilateral Indicator = 0	67320	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
33141	Bilateral Indicator = 0	67331	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
33508	Bilateral Indicator = 0	67332	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
35390	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	67334	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
35500	Bilateral Indicator = 0	67335	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
35600	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	67340	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	
35681	Bilateral Indicator = 0	69300	Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2	
35685	Bilateral Indicator = 0	73706	Bilateral Indicator = 3	
35686	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	73706-TC	Bilateral Indicator $= 3$	
35700	Bilateral Indicator $= 0$	73706-26	Bilateral Indicator = 3	
36215	Bilateral Indicator = 0	G0289	Multiple Procedure Indicator $= 2$	
36216	Bilateral Indicator = 0	Q1001	Short Descriptor: Ntiol category 1	
36217	Bilateral Indicator = 0		Procedure Status = I	
36476	Multiple Procedure Indicator = 0		Note: Effective for services performed on or	
36479	Multiple Procedure Indicator = 0		after May 19, 2005	
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HCPCS Action **O1002** Short Descriptor: Ntiol category 2 Procedure Status = I Note: Effective for services performed on or after May 19, 2005 Q4080 Long Descriptor: Iloprost, inhalation solution, administered through DME, 20 mcg Short Descriptor: Iloprost inhalation solution Procedure \hat{S} Status = \hat{E} WRVU = 0.00Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.00Facility PE RVU = 0.00Malpractice RVU = 0.00PC/TC = 9Site of Service = 9Global Surgery = XXX Multiple Procedure Indicator = 9 Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 9 Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 9Co-Surgery Indicator = 9 Team Surgery Indicator = 9 Diagnostic Indicator = 09Type of Service = 1Note: Effective for services performed on or after July 1, 2005 Q9958 Long Descriptor: High osmolar contrast material, up to 149 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml Short Descriptor: HOCM <= 149 mg/ml iodine, 1 ml Procedure Status = B WRVU = 0.00Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.00Facility PE RVU = 0.00Malpractice RVU = 0.00PC/TC = 9Site of Service = 9Global Surgery = XXX Multiple Procedure Indicator = 9 Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 9 Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 9 Co-Surgery Indicator = 9 Team Surgery Indicator = 9 Diagnostic Indicator = 09Type of Service = 4Note: Effective for services performed on or after July 1, 2005 **Q9959** Long Descriptor: High osmolar contrast material, 150-199 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml Short Descriptor: HOCM 150-199mg/ml iodine,1ml Procedure Status = B WRVU = 0.00Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.00Facility PE RVU = 0.00Malpractice RVU = 0.00PC/TC = 9Site of Service = 9Global Surgery = XXX Multiple Procedure Indicator = 9

HCPCS Action Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 9Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 9 Co-Surgery Indicator = 9Team Surgery Indicator = 9Diagnostic Indicator = 09Type of Service = 4Note: Effective for services performed on or after July 1, 2005 **Q9960** Long Descriptor: High osmolar contrast material, 200 – 249 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml Short Descriptor: HOCM 200-249mg/ml iodine,1ml Procedure Status = B WRVU = 0.00Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.00Facility PE RVU = 0.00Malpractice RVU = 0.00PC/TC = 9Site of Service = 9Global Surgery = XXX Multiple Procedure Indicator = 9 Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 9 Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 9 Co-Surgery Indicator = 9Team Surgery Indicator = 9Diagnostic Indicator = 09 Type of Service = 4Note: Effective for services performed on or after July 1, 2005 **Q9961** Long Descriptor: High osmolar contrast material, 250-299 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml Short Descriptor: HOCM 250-299mg/ml iodine,1ml Procedure Status = B WRVU = 0.00Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.00Facility PE RVU = 0.00Malpractice RVU = 0.00PC/TC = 9Site of Service = 9Global Surgery = XXX Multiple Procedure Indicator = 9 Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 9Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 9 Co-Surgery Indicator = 9

Type of Service = 4 Note: Effective for services performed on or after July 1, 2005

Q9962 Long Descriptor: High osmolar contrast material, 300 – 349 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml Short Descriptor: HOCM 300-349mg/ml iodine,1ml Procedure Status = B WRVU = 0.00 Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.00 Facility PE RVU = 0.00 Malpractice RVU = 0.00

Team Surgery Indicator = 9

Diagnostic Indicator = 09

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HCPCS Action	HCPCS Action
PC/TC = 9	Team Surgery Indicator = 9
Site of Service = 9	Diagnostic Indicator = 09
Global Surgery = XXX	Type of Service = 4
Multiple Procedure Indicator = 9 Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 9 Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 9	Note: Effective for services performed on or after July 1, 2005
Co-Surgery Indicator = 9	Q9964 Long Descriptor: High osmolar contrast material,
Team Surgery Indicator = 9	400 or greater mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml
Diagnostic Indicator = 09	Short Descriptor: HOCM>=400mg/ml iodine,1ml
Type of Service = 4	Procedure Status = B
Note: Effective for services performed on or after July 1, 2005	WRVU = 0.00 Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.00 Facility PE RVU = 0.00
Q9963 Long Descriptor: High osmolar contrast material,	Malpractice RVU = 0.00
350 – 399 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml	PC/TC = 9
Short Descriptor: HOCM 350-399mg/ml iodine, 1ml	Site of Service = 9
Procedure Status = B	Global Surgery = XXX
WRVU = 0.00	Multiple Procedure Indicator = 9
Non-Facility PE RVU = 0.00	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 9
Facility PE RVU = 0.00	Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 9
Malpractice RVU = 0.00	Co-Surgery Indicator = 9
PC/TC = 9	Team Surgery Indicator = 9
Site of Service = 9	Diagnostic Indicator = 09
Global Surgery = XXX	Type of Service = 4
Multiple Procedure Indicator = 9	Note: Effective for services performed on or after
Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 9	July 1, 2005
Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 9 Co-Surgery Indicator = 9	Source: CMS Pub. 100-4, Transmittal 661, CR 4031
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