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Addition of Repair Codes to the List of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Payable Under the Instructions Provided in Change Requests (CRs) 6573 and 5917

Note: This article was revised on August 8, 2011, to add a reference to MLN Matters® article MM7416 (<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM7416.pdf>) that alerts DMEPOS providers that Medicare contractors may consider whether the accumulated costs of repairing an item exceed 60 percent of the purchase fee schedule amount for the item.

Provider Types Affected

This article applies to suppliers billing Medicare Carriers and Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for certain DME products provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued CR 6914 in order to augment previously issued CR 6573. Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) suppliers may bill separately for any of the repair codes listed in the Key Points section of this article in addition to the codes for replacement parts, accessories, and supplies for prosthetic implants and surgically implanted DME previously communicated in Attachment A of CR 6573. Your Medicare contractors will reprocess any claims submitted by DMEPOS suppliers for these separately billable repair codes listed below with dates of service of January 1, 2010, through the implementation date of CR 6914 (which is October 4, 2010), according to the guidelines established in

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CRs 5917 and 6573.

Key Points of CR6914

- The following is the list of the additional separately billable repair codes issued within CR6914

<i>Code</i>	<i>Description</i>
K0739	REPAIR OR NON-ROUTINE SERVICE FOR DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN OXYGEN EQUIPMENT REQUIRING THE SKILL OF A TECHNICIAN, LABOR COMPONENT, PER 15 MINUTES
L7500	REPAIR OF PROSTHETIC DEVICE, HOURLY RATE
L7510	REPAIR OF PROSTHETIC DEVICE, REPAIR OR REPLACE MINOR PARTS
L7520	REPAIR PROSTHETIC DEVICE, LABOR COMPONENT, PER 15 MINUTES
L8627	COCHLEAR IMPLANT, EXTERNAL SPEECH PROCESSOR, COMPONENT, REPLACEMENT
L8628	COCHLEAR IMPLANT, EXTERNAL CONTROLLER COMPONENT, REPLACEMENT
L8629	TRANSMITTING COIL AND CABLE, INTEGRATED, FOR USE WITH COCHLEAR IMPLANT DEVICE
Q0506	BATTERY, LITHIUM-ION, FOR USE WITH ELECTRIC OR ELECTRIC/PNEUMATIC VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICE, REPLACEMENT ONLY

- Medicare contractors will allow suppliers that are dually enrolled with the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) and with their local carrier or A/B MAC as DMEPOS suppliers to bill separately for any of the above listed DMEPOS repair codes as well as those codes included in Attachment A of CR 6573 when billed under the guidelines established in CRs 5917 and 6573, including items/services furnished to beneficiaries who reside in other States.
- CR 5917 may be reviewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1603CP.pdf> and CR 6573 <http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R531OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

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Additional Information

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare MAC or carrier at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

The official instruction associated with this CR6914, issued to your Medicare MAC or carrier regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/transmittals/downloads/R695OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

You may review MM6573 (related to CR 6573) at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6573.pdf> and MM5917 (related to CR 5917) at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5917.pdf> on the CMS website.

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