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Subject: Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Codes (HPTC) Update

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Intermediaries, Carriers, and DMERCs must obtain the most recent Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Codes (HPTC) list and use it to update their internal HPTC tables.

New / Revised Material Effective Date: October 1, 2006 Implementation Date: October 2, 2006

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated) R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

R/N/D	Chapter / Section / Subsection / Title	
N/A		

III. FUNDING:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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SUBJECT: Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Codes (HPTC) Update

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The HPTC set is an external non-medical data code set designed for use in classifying health care providers according to provider type or practitioner specialty in an electronic environment, specifically within the American National Standards Institute Accredited Standards Committee health care claim transaction. The HPTC's are scheduled for update twice per year (April and October). The HPTC list is available from the Washington Publishing Company <u>http://www.wpc-edi.com/codes/taxonomy</u> in two forms. The first form is a free Adobe PDF download. The second form, available for purchase, is an electronic representation of list, which shall facilitate the automatic loading of the code set.

B. Policy: HIPAA requires that submitted data, which is part of a named code set, be valid data from that code set. Claims accepted with invalid data are non-compliant. Because health care provider taxonomy is a named code set in the 837 Institutional and Professional Implementation Guides, contractors must validate the inbound HPTCs against their internal HPTC tables.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement "Should" denotes an optional requirement

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)								
		FI	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C		red S intain M C S	Systemers V M S	C	Other
5132.1	Contractors and Maintainers shall use the most cost effective means to obtain the October 2006 HPTC list.	X	X	X	X	Х	Х	X		
5132.2	Contractors and Maintainers shall update the current HPTC Tables with the October 2006 HPTC list.	X	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х		

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)							
		FI	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shar Mai F I S S		em C W F	Other
	None.								

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

- E. Dependencies: N/A
- F. Testing Considerations: N/A

V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

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