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Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Code (HPTC) Update

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Medicare providers billing Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is October 3, 2005.
- The implementation date is October 3, 2005.
- MLN Matters article MM3803 is based on Change Request (CR) 3803 which instructs FIs to obtain the most recent HPTC list for updating their internal HPTC tables.
- The HPTCs are updated twice a year, in April and October.
- The HPTC list is available in the following two forms from the Washington Publishing Company website at <http://www.wpc-edi.com/codes/taxonomy>.
 - A free Adobe PDF download of the HPTC list; and
 - An electronic representation of the HPTC list, which facilitates the automatic loading of the code set is available for purchase.
- The HPTC set is an external non-medical data code set used to classify health care providers according to:
 - Provider type; or
 - Practitioner specialty in an electronic environment (specifically within the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) health care transaction).

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3803.pdf> on the CMS website.

For complete details, affected providers should see the official instruction issued to their FI by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R543CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If affected providers have any questions, they should contact their FI at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.