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Update to the Place of Service (POS) Code Set to Add a Code for Pharmacy

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Provider Types Affected

Medicare providers billing Medicare Carriers, including Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs)

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is October 1, 2005.
- The implementation date is October 3, 2005.
- The new POS code for pharmacy is 01.
- The Medicare Claims Processing Manual and claims processing systems are being revised to include this new POS code.
- Pharmacy in the code set is defined as a facility or location where drugs and other medically related items are sold, dispensed, or otherwise provided directly to patients.
- The POS code set with the pharmacy place of service code can be found in Chapter 26, Section 10.5 of the Medicare Claims processing Manual. Claims for covered services rendered using the new POS code for a pharmacy setting will be paid at the nonfacility rate. The carrier's medical directors will develop policies, as needed, to adjudicate claims containing this new code.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3819.pdf>

The instruction issued to carriers/DMERCs may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R549CP.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

For additional information relating to this issue, affected providers should refer to their local carrier/DMERC, whose toll-free number can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.