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New Temporary "K" Code for Power Mobility Device (PMD) Batteries

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Suppliers and providers billing Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs), Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs), and/or Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) for services related to power mobility devices

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is July 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is July 3, 2006.
- Effective July 1, 2006, a new "K" code will be established for a 12- to 24-amp hour battery for power mobility devices. Effective July 1, 2006, the following K code will be added to the system:
K0733 (power wheelchair accessory, 12- to 24-amp hour sealed lead acid battery, each (e.g., gel cell, absorbed glassmat).
- "K" codes describe temporary durable medical equipment (DME) and drug codes.
- Once these codes are approved for permanent inclusion into the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), they usually become:
 - "A" codes - ambulance and transportation services; medical and surgical supplies; and administrative, miscellaneous and investigational services/supplies;
 - "E" codes - DME such as walkers, hospital beds, infusion supplies, and so on; or
 - "J" codes - injectable drugs that can be injected subcutaneously, intramuscularly or intravenously with the dosage injected indicated.
- The pricing category for K code **K0733** is "32" (inexpensive or routinely purchased items).
- The type of service (TOS) includes "A" (Used DME), "P" (Lump Sum Purchase of DME, Prosthetics, Orthotics), and "R" (Rental of DME).

- The place of service (POS) for K code K0733 is listed as follows:

Place of Service	Descriptor
04	Homeless Shelter
12	Patient's Home
13	Assisted Living Facility
14	Group Home
33	Custodial Care Facility
54	Intermediate Care Facility/Mentally Retarded
55	Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Center
56	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM4253.pdf>

For complete details, affected providers should see the official instruction issued to their DMERC/DME MAC/intermediary regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R823CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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