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Emergency Update to the 2006 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS)

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians, suppliers, and providers billing Medicare carriers and/or fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for services paid under the MPFS and provided to Medicare beneficiaries

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is January 3, 2006.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued payment files to carriers based upon the MPFS Final Rule published in the November 21, 2005, Federal Register (http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a051121c.html).
- The Social Security Act (Section 1848(c)(4) (http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title18/1848.htm) authorizes CMS to establish ancillary policies necessary to implement relative values for physicians' services.
- CR4268 amends the November 21, 2005, MPFS Final Rule payment files and includes a new G-code (G0332 - Intravenous Infusion of Immunoglobulin) and additional new G-codes for the 2006 Oncology Demonstration Project.
- There are corrected descriptors for codes G0332, G9050-G9130, 0137T, 0001F, 0005F, and J7640.
- The coverage indicator on the HCPCS files should be a "C" for Category III codes 0144T-0154T. In addition, CR4268 includes changes to several Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes with respect to:
 - Status indicators;
 - Global periods; and
 - Relative value units.

- Attachment 1 of CR4268 includes the complete list of changes to G-codes and CPT codes included in this Emergency Update to the 2006 MPFS Database.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/mm4268.pdf>

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R798CP.pdf>

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a051121c.html

http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title18/1848.htm