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### *Change in the Long Descriptor for HCPCS Code Q4080*

#### Key Words

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#### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, suppliers, and providers billing Medicare Carriers, including Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) and/or Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), including Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs), for services related to ILOPROST inhalation treatment of Medicare beneficiaries.

#### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is March 13, 2006.
- MM4324 is based on Change Request (CR) 4324, which provides information on the revised code dosage descriptor for Q4080.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) established Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code Q4080 that was effective July 1, 2005, with a code descriptor that read: "ILOPROST, INHALATION SOLUTION, ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME, **20 MICROGRAMS.**"
- **Effective January 1, 2006**, the long code descriptor for HCPCS code Q4080 will read: "ILOPROST, INHALATION SOLUTION, ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME, **UP TO 20 MCG.**"
- The short descriptor for HCPCS code Q4080 will continue to read: "Iloprost inhalation solution."
- CR4324 provides clarification on the change in the long descriptor for HCPCS code Q4080 effective January 1, 2006.

#### Important Links

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