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Change in Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for Renal Dialysis Facilities and Hospitals Billing for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Related Epoetin Alfa (EPO) Effective January 1, 2007

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Renal dialysis facilities and hospitals billing Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for renal dialysis services

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2007.
- The implementation date is January 2, 2007.
- Change Request (CR) 5216 provides that a new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code has been established for an injection of Epoetin alfa, 100 units (for ESRD patients on dialysis).
- The new code, Q4081, will be effective for services on or after January 1, 2007, when submitted on bill type 72x, 12x, 13x, and 85x (see Table 1, Epoetin Alfa Injection HCPCS Codes, Descriptions, and Applicable Billing Periods, in the background section of MLN Matters article MM5216).
- Renal dialysis facilities and hospitals previously billing for ESRD related EPO with the 1000 unit code, J0886, should begin using the new 100 unit code for all claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2007.
- Billing and payment instructions for renal dialysis facilities previously applicable to J0886, as defined in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* (publication 100-4), Chapter 8, Section 60, will be applicable to Q4081. There are no other billing or payment changes for renal dialysis facilities.

Revenue Code Reporting for Hospitals

- Hospitals and renal dialysis facilities will report Q4081 for the appropriate bill types 12x, 13x, 72x, and 85x.
- Hospitals should continue to use Revenue Codes 0634/0635.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5216.pdf>

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1041CP.pdf>

See Publication 100-04, Chapter 8, Section 60 (Separately Billable ESRD Items and Services) at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c08.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If providers have any questions, they may 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 web site.