



Provider Inquiry Assistance

New Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Specialty Code for Ocularists – JA6891

Related CR Release Date: August 20, 2010

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Contractors Affected

- Carriers
- Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)
- DME MACs

Provider Types Affected Provider types affected are suppliers and providers who bill Medicare Carriers, A/B MACs, and DME/MACs for ocular services to Medicare beneficiaries.



- Change Request (CR) 6891 instructs Ocularists to use the new DMEPOS specialty code B5 as a valid primary and/or secondary specialty code.

Provider Needs to Know...

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued CR6891 to reflect the establishment of the new DMEPOS specialty code for Ocularists which is B5.
- Specialty codes are used by CMS for programmatic and claims processing purposes. They are also used in expenditure analysis. Medicare contractors use specialty code data to develop claims processing edits.

Background N/A

Operational Impact	N/A
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Reference Materials	The related MLN Matters® article can be found at http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM6891.pdf on the CMS website. The official instruction (CR6891) issued regarding this change may be found at http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R2030CP.pdf on the CMS website.
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