



Update to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes for Payment of Surgical Dressings in Indian Health Service (IHS) Providers – JA6909

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Contractors Affected

- Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)
- Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)

Provider Types Affected Provider types affected are all IHS and tribally owned and operated hospitals or hospital-based facilities, including Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) who bill Medicare FIs and A/B MACs for providing surgical dressings to Medicare beneficiaries.



- Change Request (CR) 6909 updates the list of surgical dressing HCPCS codes that IHS providers can bill to the specialty contractor (Trailblazer Health Enterprises, LLC).
- It provides no policy changes.

Provider Needs to Know...

Note: IHS owned and operated providers, tribally owned and operated providers electing to bill as IHS, tribally operated IHS providers, and tribally owned and IHS operated providers are all referred to as IHS providers throughout this document. The term provider refers to all hospital or hospital-based facilities, including CAH's and outpatient clinics.

- Effective January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, IHS providers can bill Trailblazer Health Enterprises, LLC for surgical dressings (including splints and casts) under revenue code 0623 (surgical dressings) on type of bill (TOB) 12X (hospital inpatient part B), 13X (hospital outpatient), or 85X (CAH) for the surgical dressings using HCPCS codes payable under the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003 listed in the following table:

**Surgical Dressing HCPCS Codes Payable to IHS Providers under MMA
Section 630 for Calendar Year 2009**

A6010 – A6011,	A6229
A6021 –A6024,	A6231 – A6238
A6154,	A6240 – A6248
A6196 –A6197,	A6251 – A6255
A6199,	A6257 - A6259
A6203 – A6204	A6266
A6207	A6402 –A6403,
A6209 – A6212	A6407
A6214	A6410
A6219- A6220	A6441 – A6457
A6222 – A6224	

- In addition, Medicare will pay claim lines on TOBs 12X, 13X, and 85X by IHS providers with dates of service on or after January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010, and revenue code 0623 for any of the HCPCS listed in the above table. In addition, HCPCS code A6412 is added to this list for dates of service in 2010.

Background

- Section 630 of the MMA allows IHS providers to bill for other Medicare Part B services (not covered under Section 1848 of the Social Security Act) for the 5-year period beginning January 1, 2005.
- These covered services, which include surgical dressings, are payable based on the lesser of the actual charges or the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies fee schedule amount.
- Section 2902 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act indefinitely extends Section 630 of the MMA retroactive to January 1, 2010.

**Operational
Impact**

Providers should be aware that Trailblazer Health Enterprises, LLC will not search for and adjust claims that have been processed prior to the implementation date. They will adjust claims that are brought to their attention.

**Reference
Materials**

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM6909.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6909) issued regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1957CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

Detailed information on HCPCS codes is available at <http://www.cms.gov/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/> on the CMS website.