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New Guidance Regarding Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Code G0297

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Provider Types Affected

All providers billing outpatient services to Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) that are paid under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and hospices that bill Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)

Key Points

- HCPCS codes *G0297, insertion of single chamber pacing cardioverter defibrillator pulse generator*, and *G0337, hospice evaluation and counseling services, pre-election*, were incorrectly listed as terminated January 28, 2005, in the July 2005 Release (V6.2) of the OPPS Outpatient Code Editor (OCE).
- G0297 is a valid code recognized under Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) edit 69.
- G0337 is not paid under OPPS but may be payable when submitted to RHHIs hospice providers.

HCPCS Code G0297

- Providers should note that FIs will hold claims dated on or after January 28, 2005, containing this code until the October 2005 implementation of the OCE and then the FIs will process the claims for payment.
- If affected providers furnished additional services on the same claim with HCPCS G0297, they may remove the charges for G0297 from the claim and submit for the remaining services.
- After October 2005, providers may submit an adjustment claim reflecting code G0297 in order to receive payment.
- Providers must be timely when filing for adjustment claims.

Note: After the successful implementation of the October 2005 OCE, FIs will release held claims for payment.

HCPCS Code G0337

- Effective immediately, FIs must allow payment on all claims that contain the G0337 code beginning with dates of service of January 28, 2005, and later.

Important Links

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