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New HCPCS Codes for Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIG)

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers billing Medicare for IVIG

Key Points

- The effective date of instruction is April 1, 2005.
- The implementation date is April 4, 2005.
- Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes J1563 and J1564 will no longer be paid by Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs) and carriers, including durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs) effective April 1, 2005, for dates of service on or after April 1, 2005.
- HCPCS codes J1563 and J1564 will be replaced with HCPCS codes Q9941, Q9942, Q9943, and Q9944.
- These new HCPCS codes are needed to appropriately distinguish between the lyophilized and non-lyophilized form of IVIG.
- The Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) for the new Q codes can be found in the April update of the OPPS Addendum A and Addendum B on the hospital outpatient website.
- The OPPS payment is based on the Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC).

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3745.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR3745) regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R507CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

Payments for the new Q-codes can be found in the respective quarterly Medicare Part B drug pricing files posted at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/01_overview.asp#TopOfPage on the CMS website.

Coverage requirements for IVIG can be found in Chapter 15 (Coverage Medical and Other Health Services) Section 50.6 of the *Medicare Benefit Policy Manual* at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/Downloads/bp102c15.pdf> on the CMS website.

Additional information on IVIG may be found in Chapter 17 (Drugs and Biologicals), Section 80.6 of the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c17.pdf> on the CMS website.