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Billing for Syringes Used in the Treatment of End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Patients

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers billing Medicare Carriers and Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) for ESRD services and supplies

Key Points

- HCPCS code **A4657** (syringe - with or without needle) should be billed only when an actual syringe is taken from the provider's supplies and used to administer the drug.
- **Pre-filled** syringes with medications used to administer the drug to an ESRD patient should not require the use of another syringe to administer the medication, and **should not** be billed with HCPCS code **A4657** (syringe with or without needle) to Medicare.
- When a drug is supplied in a **pre-filled syringe** (and no other syringe is used to administer the drug contained in the syringe) the **supply charge** associated with HCPCS code **A4657** **cannot** be billed to Medicare.
- HCPCS code **A4657** can only be used when a new syringe is used for treatment of ESRD patients.

Important Links

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