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Non-Application of Deductible for Colorectal Cancer Screening Tests

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians and providers who provide colorectal cancer screening services to Medicare beneficiaries

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2007.
- The implementation date is January 2, 2007.
- Effective January 1, 2007, Medicare will waive the annual Medicare Part B deductible for colorectal cancer screening tests billed with the following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes:
 - **G0104** – Colorectal cancer screening: Flexible sigmoidoscopy;
 - **G0105** – Colorectal cancer screening: Colonoscopy on individual at high risk;
 - **G0121** – Colorectal cancer screening: Colonoscopy on individual not meeting criteria for high risk;
 - **G0106** – Colorectal cancer screening: Barium enema as an alternative to G0104, screening sigmoidoscopy; and
 - **G0120** – Colorectal cancer screening: Barium enema as an alternative to G0105, screening colonoscopy.
- While the deductible will be waived and will not apply for colorectal cancer screening test services furnished on or after January 1, 2007, the Medicare Part B coinsurance still applies for these screening tests.
- Currently (prior to January 1, 2007, for colorectal cancer screening test services furnished before January 1, 2007), the annual Medicare Part B deductible AND coinsurance apply to the above codes.
- Affected providers should note that the annual Medicare Part B deductible and coinsurance **do not apply** for the following tests:

- **G0107** (colon cancer screening; fecal occult blood tests (FOBT), 1-3 simultaneous determinations); and
- **G0328** (colon cancer screening; as an alternative to G0107; fecal occult blood test, immunoassay, 1-3 simultaneous determinations).

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5127.pdf>

SE0613, "Colorectal Cancer: Preventable, Treatable, and Beatable: Medicare Coverage and Billing for Colorectal Cancer Screening," contains pertinent information. It can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0613.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website. This special edition MLN article also includes links to other resources related to colorectal cancer screening and Medicare-covered preventive services.

The manual attachment to CR5127 (*Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 18 - Preventive and Screening Services, Section 60.1 - Colorectal Cancer Screening; Payment) contains additional information about colorectal cancer screening.

CR5127 is the official instruction issued to Medicare carriers or fiscal intermediaries (FIs) regarding changes mentioned in this article. CR5127 may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1004CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If affected providers have any questions, they should contact their Medicare carrier or FI at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.