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## *Update of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes for Hemophilia Clotting Factors*

### Key Words

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### Provider Types Affected

Providers who submit claims to Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for hemophilia clotting factors

### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2007.
- The implementation date is October 2, 2007.
- Providers must discontinue the use of HCPCS code J7188 (vonWillebrand factor complex, human, ristocetin cofactor, per IU), effective for discharges after December 31, 2006.
- Effective for dates of discharge on or after January 1, 2007, providers should use the new HCPCS code of J7187 (vonWillebrand factor complex, human, ristocetin cofactor, per IU) for appropriate hemophilia clotting factors.
- Medicare systems will not be ready to process the J7187 code until October 1, 2007. Therefore, for claims submitted from January 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007 (and for dates of discharge on or after January 1, 2007), hospitals should take the following steps:
  - For claims for hospital inpatient care, omit the line items for HCPCS code J7187 from the claim.
  - Once payment has been received for the inpatient claim, immediately submit an adjustment request (type of bill 117), including the J7187 code on the adjustment.
- Once Medicare systems are ready to process the J7187 code, the adjustment will be processed automatically.
- With the exception of the adjustment requests just mentioned, Medicare will return claims containing J7187 with dates of discharge on or after January 1, 2007, which are received prior to the October 1, 2007, implementation date.

**Note:** This does not impact payment of outpatient claims, or skilled nursing facility claims. However, claims paid under the inpatient psychiatric facility prospective payment system will also need to omit J7187 as noted above. Inpatient psychiatric facility providers should follow the above instructions.

## Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5466.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction issued (CR5466) regarding this issue may be viewed by going to

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1234CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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