



Provider Inquiry Assistance

Adding a New Specialty Code for Speech Language Pathologists (SLP) - JA6292

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Implementation Date: July 6, 2009

Key Words	MM6292, CR6292, R1686CP, Speech, SLP
Contractors Affected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) • Medicare Carriers • Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)
Provider Types Affected	Speech Language Pathologists and other providers who bill Medicare Carriers, FIs, or A/B MACs for speech language pathology services provided to Medicare beneficiaries



Change Request (CR) 6292 announces a new specialty code that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) developed to categorize speech pathology services.

Provider Needs to Know...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS established a new physician specialty code for SLPs. The new physician specialty code for SLPs is 15. • Effective July 1, 2009, SLPs will use specialty code 15 to enroll in Medicare.
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| Background | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providers and suppliers use CMS specialty codes to ensure that their claims are processed and paid correctly.• Section 143 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 amends the Social Security Act to permit SLP to apply for enrollment as suppliers in Medicare beginning July 1, 2009.• This will allow SLPs in private practice to bill Medicare directly for their services. |
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Operational Impact	N/A
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Reference Materials	<p>The related MLN Matters article can be found at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6292.pdf on the CMS website.</p> <p>The official instruction (CR6292) issued regarding this change may be found at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1686CP.pdf on the CMS website.</p>
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