



Provider Inquiry Assistance

2010 Annual Update to the Therapy Code List – JA6719

Related CR Release Date: November 13, 2009

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Effective Date: January 1, 2010

Implementation Date: January 4, 2010

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- Contractors Affected**
- Medicare Carriers
 - Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)
 - Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)
 - Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHs)

Provider Types Affected Provider types affected are physicians, therapists, and providers of therapy services billing Medicare Carriers, FIs, A/B MACs, and/or RHHs for outpatient rehabilitation therapy services.



Change Request (CR) 6719 updates the therapy code list for calendar year (CY) 2010 with one "Sometimes Therapy" Code 92520 (laryngeal function studies (ie, aerodynamic testing and acoustic testing)). This code always represents therapy services when performed by therapists and requires the use of a therapy modifier.

- CR6719 updates the therapy code list by adding one "sometimes therapy" code for CY 2010 shown in the table below. This code always represents therapy services when performed by therapists and requires the use of a therapy modifier.

Provider Needs to Know...

Therapy Code	Descriptor
92520	Laryngeal function studies (ie, aerodynamic testing and acoustic testing)

- CR6719 also announces that 95992 (Standard Canalith repositioning procedure(s), (e.g., Epley maneuver, Semont maneuver), per day) is being removed from the therapy code list effective January 1, 2010.

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- Therapy services, including “always therapy” services, must follow all the policies for therapy services detailed in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 5, which is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c05.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.
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Background

- The Social Security Act (Section 1834(k)(5): http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title18/1834.htm) requires that all claims for outpatient rehabilitation therapy services and all comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility services be reported using a uniform coding system.
 - The Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System/Current Procedural Terminology 2010 Edition (HCPCS/CPT-4) is the coding system used for reporting these services.
 - The additions, changes, and deletions to the therapy code list reflect those made in CY 2009 and CY 2010, HCPCS/CPT-4.
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Operational Impact N/A

Reference Materials

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6719.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6719) issued regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1850CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

Providers can also find more information about the therapy code list at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/TherapyServices/05_Annual_Therapy_Update.asp#TopOfPage on the CMS website.
