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Information for Medicare Fee-For-Service Health Care Professionals

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2004 Jurisdiction List

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Provider Types Affected

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Suppliers.

Provider Action Needed

DME Suppliers should be aware of which Medicare contractor to bill for codes provided on the jurisdiction list of the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS). This HCPCS list for DME Regional Carrier (DMERC) and local carrier jurisdictions is updated on annual basis to provide accurate billing information to providers.

Ensure that your billing staffs know how to find the list and use the list in their billing processes for Medicare claims.

Background

The HCPCS is updated annually to reflect changes in medical practice and the provision of health care. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provides a file containing updated HCPCS codes to Medicare carriers, DMERCs, and intermediaries and to Medicaid State Agencies 60 to 90 days before the implementation of the annual update.

A spreadsheet containing an updated list of the HCPCS for DMERC and Part B local carrier jurisdictions is updated annually to reflect codes that have been added or discontinued (deleted) during each year. CMS publishes a recurring update notification annually to notify the DMERCs and Part B carriers that the list has been updated and is available on the CMS Web site.

Both the DMERCs and the local carriers publish this list to educate providers as to which contractor—the DMERC or local Part B carrier—to bill for codes provided on that list.

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Additional Information

Updates are available on an Excel spreadsheet on the CMS Web site at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/index.html/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/ANHPCS/list.asp#TopOfPage> on the CMS website.

The actual instruction issued to the DMERCs may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R127CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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