



**News Flash** - Flu Season is upon us! Begin now to take advantage of each office visit as an opportunity to talk with your patients about the flu virus and their risks for complications associated with the flu. Encourage them to get their flu shot. It's their best defense against combating the flu this season. *(Medicare provides coverage of the flu vaccine without any out-of-pocket costs to the Medicare patient. No deductible or copayment/coinsurance applies.)* And don't forget, health care professionals need to protect themselves also. **Get Your Flu Shot. – Not the Flu.** Remember - Influenza vaccination is a covered Part B benefit. Note that influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. For information about Medicare's coverage of flu vaccine and its administration as well as related educational resources for health care professions, please go to [http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/flu\\_products.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/flu_products.pdf) on the CMS website.

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**Note:** This article was updated on September 20, 2012, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains the same.

## **Correction to CR 5645 – July 2007 Quarterly Update to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes for Albuterol, Levalbuterol, and Reclast®**

### **Provider Types Affected**

Physicians, providers, and suppliers who bill Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FI) and Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for providing Albuterol, Levalbuterol, Reclast®, and Zometa® to Medicare beneficiaries are affected.

### **Provider Action Needed**

Review the tables in this article that detail the appropriate HCPCS codes for Albuterol, Levalbuterol, and Reclast®, effective for claims with on or after July 1, 2007. Make certain that your billing staffs are aware of these HCPCS code changes.

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## Key Points

Effective July 1, 2007, the HCPCS codes in table 1 will **no longer be payable for Medicare**.

**Table 1**

**HCPCS Codes Not Payable for Dates of Service on or after July 1, 2007**

HCPCS Code	Short Description	Long Description
J7611	Albuterol non-comp con	Albuterol, inhalation solution, FDA-approved final product, non-compounded, administered through DME, concentrated form, 1 mg
J7612	Levalbuterol non-comp con	Levalbuterol, inhalation solution, FDA-approved final product, non-compounded, administered through DME, concentrated form, 0.5 mg
J7613	Albuterol non-comp unit	Albuterol, inhalation solution, FDA-approved final product, non-compounded, administered through DME, unit dose, 1 mg
J7614	Levalbuterol non-comp unit	Levalbuterol, inhalation solution, FDA-approved final product, non-compounded, administered through DME, unit dose, 0.5 mg

In place of the Table 1 codes, the HCPCS codes displayed in **Table 2 will be payable, effective July 1, 2007**.

**Table 2**

**HCPCS Codes Payable for Services on or After July 1, 2007**

HCPCS Code	Short Description	Long Description
Q4093	Albuterol inh non-comp con	Albuterol, all formulations including separated isomers, inhalation solution, FDA-approved final product, non-compounded, administered through DME, concentrated form, per 1 mg (Albuterol) or per 0.5 mg (Levalbuterol)
Q4094	Albuterol inh non-comp u d	Albuterol, all formulations including separated isomers, inhalation solution, FDA-approved final product, non-compounded, administered through DME, unit dose, per 1 mg (Albuterol) or per 0.5 mg (Levalbuterol)

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Also, effective July 1, 2007, a new code applies for Reclast® as follows:

Table 3

HCPCS Q4095 Payable for Services on or after July 1, 2007, for Reclast®:

HCPCS Code	Short Description	Long Description
Q4095	Reclast injection	Injection, zoledronic acid (Reclast), 1 mg

Also, please note the following:

- Currently, Reclast® 5 mg/100 ml bottle (NDC 0078-0435-61) is the only product that should be billed using HCPCS code Q4095. If other products under the FDA's approval for Reclast® become available, code Q4095 would be used to bill for such products.
- **HCPCS code J3487** (short description: Zoledronic acid; long description: Injection, zoledronic acid, 1 mg) is used to bill for products under the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) approval for Zometa® or such therapeutically equivalent products that may become available as identified in the FDA's Orange Book.
- Your FI or A/B MAC will not search their files to adjust claims processed prior to the implementation of this change. However, if claims were not processed correctly, the FI or A/B MAC will adjust them if you bring the claims to their attention.

## Additional Information

You may see the official instruction (CR5735) issued to your Medicare FI or A/B MAC by going to <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1351CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare FI or A/B MAC, at their toll-free number which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website

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