



News Flash – It is not too late to participate in the 2010 Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program and potentially qualify to receive a full-year incentive payment. Eligible Professionals (EPs) may begin reporting eRx at any time throughout the 2010 program year (January 1 through December 31, 2010) to be incentive eligible. EPs do not need to sign up or pre-register to participate in the 2010 eRx. Intent to participate will be indicated by reporting one quality data code (G8553) for the eRx measure to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) through claims, or submission via a qualified registry or a qualified Electronic Health Record (EHR). To access all available educational resources on eRx please visit <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/ERxIncentive/index.html> on the CMS website. Eligible Professionals are encouraged to check the eRx web page often for the latest information and downloads.

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New Physician Specialty Codes for Cardiac Electrophysiology and Sports Medicine

Note: This article was updated on September 4, 2012, to reflect current Web addresses. All other content remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

This article is for physicians and non-physician practitioners who bill Medicare carriers and Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MAC) for providing cardiac electrophysiology and sports medicine services to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

Medicare physician and non-physician practitioner specialty codes describe the specific/unique types of medicine that physicians and non-physician practitioners (and certain other suppliers) practice. Specialty codes are used by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for programmatic and claims processing

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purposes, each code becoming associated with the claims that a physician or non-physician practitioner submits.

NOTE: Physicians, who enroll in Medicare, self-designate their Medicare physician specialty on the Medicare enrollment application (CMS-855I) or Internet-based Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System; however, non-physician practitioners are assigned a Medicare specialty code when they enroll.

CR 7209, from which this article is taken, announces that (effective April 1, 2011) CMS will establish new physician specialty codes for Cardiac Electrophysiology and Sports Medicine. These codes are:

- Cardiac Electrophysiology – 21; and
- Sports Medicine – 23.

You should ensure that your billing staffs are aware of these new physician specialty codes.

Additional Information

You can find CR 7209, located at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R2098CP.pdf> on the CMS website. If you have any questions, please contact your carrier 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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