



News Flash – Under the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program, which became effective on January 1, 2011, beneficiaries with Original Medicare who obtain competitively bid items in Competitive Bidding Areas (CBAs) must obtain these items from a contract supplier for Medicare to pay, unless an exception applies. One exception occurs when an item of DMEPOS that a beneficiary already owns needs to be repaired. The “DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program Repairs and Replacements” fact sheet contains helpful information on Competitive Bidding Program rules that apply when an item of DMEPOS that is owned by a beneficiary needs to be repaired or requires replacement parts. It includes information on which items and services non-contract suppliers may provide, and which Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes can be considered replacement parts associated with repair of base equipment. To view the fact sheet, please visit the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Educational Resources page at http://www.cms.gov/DMEPOSCompetitiveBid/04_Educational_Resources.asp on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website, scroll down to “Downloads”, and select “DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Fact Sheets”.

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Additional Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Payable Under the Replacement Part, Accessories, and Supplies Pricing Logic Established By Change Requests (CRs) 5917 and 6573

Provider Types Affected

This article is for suppliers billing Medicare Carriers and Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for certain Durable Medical Equipment (DME) products provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued CR7261 in order to provide three additional HCPCS codes for replacement parts, accessories, and supplies for implanted prosthetic devices, which become effective January 1, 2011. These three HCPCS codes are separately billable to the A/B MACs and carriers under the guidelines established by CR5917 and CR6573. The *Key Points*

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section of this article lists the three additional HCPCS codes. Make certain billing staffs are aware of this change.

Key Points of CR7261

Beginning January 1, 2011, suppliers that are enrolled with the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) as a DMEPOS supplier may bill Medicare Carriers or A/B MACs for:

- HCPCS codes L8693 (Auditory Osseointegrated Device Abutment, Any Length, Replacement Only);
- Q0478 (Power Adapter for use with Electric or Electric/Pneumatic Ventricular Assist Device, Vehicle Type); and
- Q0479 (Power Module for use with Electric/Pneumatic Ventricular Assist Device, Replacement Only).

Medicare contractors will process claims containing such codes, according to the instructions in CR5917 and CR6573.

These Medicare contractors will reprocess any claims containing the three HCPCS codes listed directly above submitted by DMEPOS suppliers with dates of service on or after January 1, 2011, through the implementation date of this CR, according to the guidelines established in CR5917 and CR6573.

When claims containing these codes are submitted to the DME MACs, they will be denied.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR7261, issued to your Medicare A/B MAC and carrier regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/transmittals/downloads/R846OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

CMS published MLN Matters® article MM6573, related to CR6573, which may be reviewed at <http://www.cms.gov/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM6573.pdf> on the CMS website. CMS published MLN Matters® article MM5917, related to CR5917, which may be reviewed at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5917.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare contractor at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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