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News Flash – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted the 2011 versions of the ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS crosswalks, formally referred to as the General Equivalence Mappings (GEMs) at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html> on the ICD-10 website. See the links on that page for 2011 ICD-10-CM and GEMs, and 2011 ICD-10-PCS and GEMs. In addition, CMS has also posted a document, “ICD-10 GEMs 2011 Version Update, Update Summary.” This document describes the number of comments CMS received, the type of changes recommended, the types of changes made based on the comments, the types of comments not accepted, and the reasons why some comments were not accepted.

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2011 Annual Update to the Therapy Code List

Note: This article was revised on October 19, 2012 to add a reference to MLN Matters® article MM8036, available at <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM8036.pdf>, to alert providers that all requests for therapy services above \$3,700 provided by speech language therapists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and physicians must be approved in advance. This applies to: Part B Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CORFs), rehabilitation agencies (Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (ORFs), private practices, home health agencies (TOB 34X), and hospital outpatient departments. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, therapists, and providers of therapy services billing Medicare Carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), and/or Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) for outpatient rehabilitation therapy services should take note of this article.

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Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 7364, which updates the therapy code list for Calendar Year (CY) 2011 by adding Common Procedure Terminology (CPT) Code 95992 (Standard Canalith repositioning procedure(s) (e.g., Epley maneuver, Semont maneuver), per day) to the “Sometimes Therapy” list.

Background

CR 7364 updates the therapy code list by adding one “sometimes therapy” code for CY 2011 shown in the table below.

Therapy Code	Descriptor
95992	Standard Canalith repositioning procedure(s) (eg, Epley maneuver, Semont maneuver), per day.

Additional Information

You can also find more information about the therapy code lists at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Billing/TherapyServices/index.html> on the CMS website.

The official instruction, CR 7364, issued to your carrier, FI, A/B MAC, and RHHI regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R2175CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier, FI, A/B MAC, or RHHI 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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