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**News Flash** – Over the last year, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has listened to your feedback about the Medicare online enrollment system, Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System. As a result, we've made upgrades in order to reduce data entry time and increase access to information. Providers and staff using internet-based PECOS will now be able to digitally sign and certify your application and to see more information such as whether a request for revalidation has been sent to you by your Medicare contractor. You will be able to switch from "Topic View" to "Fast Track View" to review all of your enrollment information in a single screen. Overall, the system will be easier for you to use. Learn more about PECOS at <http://PECOS.CMS.hhs.gov> and be on the look-out for more enhancements in the coming months!

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## **2012 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Code Jurisdiction**

### **Provider Types Affected**

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs), Part B carriers, and A/B MACs) for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) services provided to Medicare beneficiaries are affected.

### **Provider Action Needed**

This article is informational and based on Change Request (CR) 7679 that notifies suppliers that the spreadsheet containing an updated list of HCPCS codes for DME MAC, Part B carrier, or A/B MAC jurisdictions is updated annually to reflect codes that have been added or discontinued (deleted) each

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year. The spreadsheet is helpful to billing staffs by showing the appropriate Medicare contractor to be billed for HCPCS appearing on the spreadsheet. The spreadsheet for the 2012 Jurisdiction List is an Excel® spreadsheet and is available under the Coding Category at <http://www.cms.gov/center/dme.asp> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

Note that as part of the 2012 update, HCPCS codes L8511, L8512, L8513, L8514, and L8515 are changing claims processing jurisdiction from DME MAC to joint local carrier and DME MAC jurisdiction. To facilitate the jurisdiction change, carriers and A/B MACs will manually price claims for codes L8511 through L8515 with dates of service on or after January 1, 2012, using the 2012 DMEPOS fee schedule amounts found in Attachment B of CR7679.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR7679, issued to your Medicare A/B MAC, carrier, and DME/MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R2427CP.pdf> on the CMS website. The 2012 Jurisdiction List and Attachment B showing the 2012 DMEPOS fee schedule amounts for HCPCS codes L8511, L8512, L8513, L8514, and L8515 are attached to CR7679.

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.

**News Flash - It's Not too Late to Give and Get the Flu Vaccine.** Take advantage of each office visit and protect your patients against the seasonal flu. Medicare will continue to pay for the seasonal flu vaccine and its administration for all Medicare beneficiaries through the entire flu season. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also recommends that patients, healthcare workers and caregivers be vaccinated against the seasonal flu. **Protect your patients. Protect your family. Protect yourself. Get the Flu Vaccine—Not the Flu. Remember: The flu vaccine plus its administration are covered Part B benefits. The flu vaccine is NOT a Part D-covered drug.** For more information on coverage and billing of the flu vaccine and its administration, and related provider resources, visit [2011-2012 Provider Seasonal Flu Resources](#) and [Immunizations](#). For the 2011-2012 seasonal flu vaccine payment limits, visit [http://www.CMS.gov/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/10\\_VaccinesPricing.asp](http://www.CMS.gov/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/10_VaccinesPricing.asp) on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

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