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*News Flash –*

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- [“How to Protect Your Identity Using the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System \(PECOS\),”](#) Fact Sheet, ICN 905103, Downloadable only.

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## **2013 Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Code Jurisdiction List**

### **Provider Types Affected**

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

### **Provider Action Needed**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Change Request (CR) 8164 to notify suppliers that the spreadsheet containing an updated list of HCPCS codes for DME MAC, carrier, or B MAC jurisdictions is updated annually to reflect codes that have been added or discontinued (deleted) each year. The spreadsheet is helpful to billing staffs by showing the appropriate Medicare contractor to be billed for HCPCS codes appearing on the spreadsheet. The spreadsheet for the 2013 Jurisdiction List is an Excel® spreadsheet and available under the Coding Category at

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<http://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Durable-Medical-Equipment-DME-Center.html> on the CMS website.

## Additional Information

You can find the official instruction, CR8164, issued to your Medicare Carrier, DME MAC, or B MAC by visiting <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2637CP.pdf> on the CMS website. The Excel® spreadsheet for the 2013 Jurisdiction List is also attached to CR8164.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare Carrier, DME MAC, or 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.

**News Flash - Flu Season is Here** - Flu season is here but it is not too late to protect your patients against the flu. The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older get a yearly flu vaccine. As the occurrence of the flu continues to be reported around the country, remember, every office visit is an opportunity to check your patients' vaccination status and encourage a yearly flu vaccine for those that have not yet taken action to protect themselves and their loved ones from the flu. Vaccination is especially important for those at high risk for flu-related complications (please refer to the [People at High Risk](#) web page). Additionally, research shows that a strong provider recommendation for yearly flu vaccination increases a patient's willingness to get vaccinated themselves.

Getting vaccinated is just as important for health care personnel, like you, for many reasons. You can get sick with the flu and spread it to your family, colleagues and patients without knowing or having symptoms. Be an example by getting your flu vaccine and know that you're helping to reduce the spread of flu in your community.

Note: The influenza and pneumococcal vaccines and their administration fees are covered Part B benefits. Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are NOT Part D-covered drugs. *For More Information:*

- CMS has posted the 2012-2013 [Seasonal Influenza Vaccines Pricing](#) list. You may also refer to the [MLN Matters® Article MM8047](#), "Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2012-2013 Season."
- Please visit the [CMS Medicare Learning Network® Preventive Services Educational Products](#) and [CMS Immunizations](#) web pages for more information on coverage and billing of the flu and pneumococcal vaccines and their administration fees.
- While some providers may offer the flu vaccine, those who don't can help their patients locate a vaccine provider within their local community. The [HealthMap Vaccine Finder](#) is a free, online service where users can find nearby locations offering flu vaccines.
- The [CDC](#) website offers a variety of provider resources for the 2012-2013 flu season.

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