



Two New “K” Codes for Therapeutic Continuous Glucose Monitors

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This MLN Matters Article is intended for providers and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Change Request (CR) 10013 provides the two codes for therapeutic Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGM) that will be added to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code set, effective July 1, 2017. The addition of these codes (K0553 and K0554) will facilitate Durable Medical Equipment (DME) MAC claims processing for therapeutic CGMs. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these two new codes.

BACKGROUND

On January 12, 2017, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a Ruling (CMS-1682-R), concluding that certain CGM, referred to as therapeutic CGMs, are considered durable medical equipment (DME).

Continuous glucose monitoring systems are considered therapeutic CGMs (and therefore DME), if the equipment:

- Is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in place of a blood glucose monitor for making diabetes treatment decisions (for example, changes in diet and insulin dosage)
- Is generally not useful to the individual in the absence of an illness or injury
- Is appropriate for use in the home

- Includes a durable component (a component that CMS determines can withstand repeated use and has an expected lifetime of at least 3 years) that is capable of displaying the trending of the continuous glucose measurements

To facilitate implementation of this Ruling, the following two codes will be added to the HCPCS code set effective July 1, 2017:

1. K0553 Supply allowance for therapeutic continuous glucose monitor (CGM), includes all supplies and accessories, 1 unit of service = 1 month's supply
2. K0554 Receiver (Monitor), dedicated, for use with therapeutic continuous glucose monitor system.

The billing jurisdiction for both of these codes will be the DME MAC.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CMS 1682-R at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Rulings/Downloads/CMS1682R.pdf>.

The official instruction, CR 10013, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2017Downloads/R3775CP.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map/>.

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