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Correction to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Code A4217

Note: This article was updated on March 28, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Providers billing Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) for HCPCS code A4217

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on information contained in Change Request (CR) 3714, which revises prior instructions included in CR 3300 (Transmittal 236, July 23, 2004) that required using modifier AU (Item Furnished in Conjunction with a Urological, Ostomy, or Tracheostomy Supply) with HCPCS Code A4217 (Medical, Surgical, and Self-administered Injection Supplies).

Background

Change Request (CR) 3300 (Business Requirement 3300.6) instructed that modifier AU (Item Furnished in Conjunction with a Urological, Ostomy, or Tracheostomy Supply) must be present on claims containing HCPCS Code A4217 (Medical, Surgical, and Self-administered Injection Supplies).

However, it has come to the attention of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that HCPCS code A4217, **without the presence of modifier AU**, can be used in conjunction with Durable Medical Equipment (DME).

Therefore, **this article removes the requirement that modifier AU always be present with HCPCS code A4217. Claims received on or after January 1, 2005 with HCPCS Code A4217 (and no modifier) may be considered a DME supply and processed accordingly.**

All other policies as outlined in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual (Pub. 100-04), Chapter 20, Section 30.9 regarding the presence of modifier AU with HCPCS code A4217 remain the same.

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Additional Information

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your intermediary regarding this change.

That instruction may be viewed by going to <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R489CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your intermediary at their toll-free number 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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