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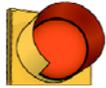
**Note:** This article was updated on February 4, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

## *Update to the Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Codes (HPTC) Version 5.0*

### Provider Types Affected

Providers who bill Carriers including Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs)

### Provider Action Needed



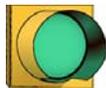
#### **STOP – Impact to You**

CMS has released the summary of changes reflected in the Health Care Provider Taxonomy Code (HCPT) list version 5.0. Medicare carriers and DMERCs will update their HPTC tables with this new version effective on April 1, 2005.



#### **CAUTION – What You Need to Know**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that submitted data, which is part of a named code set, be valid data from that code set. Claims accepted with invalid data are non-compliant.



#### **GO – What You Need to Do**

Please review the information included here, and stay current on all HIPAA requirements to assure timely processing of your claims.

### Background

Under HIPAA, code sets that characterize a general administrative situation, rather than a medical condition or service, are referred to as non-clinical or non-medical code sets. The Provider Taxonomy code set is an external non-medical data code set designed for use in classifying health care providers according

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to provider type or practitioner specialty in an electronic environment, specifically within the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) health care transaction.

HIPAA requires that submitted data, which is part of a named code set, must be valid data from that code set. The health care provider taxonomy is a named code set in the 837 professional implementation guide, thus carriers must validate the inbound taxonomy codes against their internal HPTC tables.

The HPTCs are updated twice per year, in April and October. The summary of changes for Version 5.0 is noted in the table below:

TYPE OF CHANGE	PROVIDER TAXONOMY VALUE CODE
Additions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 390200000X</li> <li>• 261QM1103X</li> <li>• 291900000X</li> <li>• 332000000X</li> <li>• 341800000X</li> <li>• 3418M1120X</li> <li>• 3418M1110X</li> <li>• 3418M1130X</li> </ul>
Revisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 261QM1101X</li> <li>• 261QM1100X</li> <li>• 261QM1102X</li> <li>• 2865M2000X</li> <li>• 2865X1600X</li> <li>• 3416A0800X</li> <li>• 3416L0300X</li> <li>• 3416S0300X</li> </ul>
Inactivation (will be deleted in future version)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2865C1500X</li> </ul>

The HPTC code list is available in two forms from the Washington Publishing Company (WPC), at <http://www.wpc-edi.com/codes/taxonomy>:

- A free Adobe PDF download or
- An electronic representation of the list which will facilitate automatic loading of the code set. This version is available for purchase.

### Additional Information

The official instruction issued regarding this change can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R479CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier/DMERC 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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