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## Update to the Place of Service (POS) Code Set to Add a Code for Pharmacy

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### Provider Types Affected

Medicare providers billing Medicare carriers, including durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs)

### Provider Action Needed



#### STOP – Impact to You

The *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* and claims processing systems are being revised to include a new Place of Service (POS) code for pharmacy of 01.



#### CAUTION – What You Need to Know

Claims for covered services rendered using the new POS code for a pharmacy setting will be paid at the nonfacility rate. Your carrier's medical directors will develop policies, as needed, to adjudicate claims containing this new code.



#### GO – What You Need to Do

Stay current on POS coding in order to remain compliant with HIPAA.

### Additional Information

The new POS code for pharmacy is 01. In the POS code set, pharmacy is defined as a facility or location where drugs and other medically related items and services are sold, dispensed, or otherwise provided directly to patients. The POS code set with the pharmacy place of service code can be found in the *Medicare Claims*

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*Processing Manual, Chapter 26, Section 10.5*, which is attached to CR3819, the official instruction issued to your carrier/DMERC regarding this change.

That instruction may be found by going to <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R549CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

For additional information relating to this issue, please refer to your local carrier/DMERC. To find that toll-free number, go to <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html>

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