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New Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Drug Codes

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers billing Medicare carriers, including Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs), or Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) for high osmolar contrast material and iloprost inhalation solution

Provider Action Needed

Effective July 1, 2005, for dates of service on or after July 1, 2005, HCPCS code Q4080, for iloprost inhalation solution, and HCPCS codes Q9958 – Q9964, for high osmolar contrast material, are being added to the HCPCS. Be aware of the new codes for iloprost inhalation solution and high osmolar contrast material when reporting these services to Medicare.

Additional Information

Effective July 1, 2005, the following codes are being added to the HCPCS for iloprost inhalation solution and high osmolar contrast material.

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	Long Descriptor
Q4080	Iloprost inhalation solution	Iloprost, inhalation solution, administered through DME, 20 mcg
Q9958	HOCM <=149 mg/ml iodine, 1 ml	High osmolar contrast material (HOCM), up to 149 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml
Q9959	HOCM 150-199 mg/ml iodine, 1 ml	High osmolar contrast material, 150 - 199 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml
Q9960	HOCM 200-249 mg/ml iodine, 1 ml	High osmolar contrast material, 200 - 249 mg/ml iodine

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HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	Long Descriptor
		concentration, per ml
Q9961	HOCM 250-299 mg/ml iodine,1 ml	High osmolar contrast material, 250 - 299 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml
Q9962	HOCM 300-349 mg/ml iodine,1 ml	High osmolar contrast material, 300 - 349 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml
Q9963	HOCM 350-399 mg/ml iodine,1 ml	High osmolar contrast material, 350 - 399 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml
Q9964	HOCM >= 400 mg/ml iodine,1 ml	High osmolar contrast material, 400 or greater mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml

Also, please note the following:

- As stated in Section 30 of Chapter 13 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual (Publication 100-04), payment for HOCMs is included in the payment for the procedure and separate payment for the HOCMs is not allowed.
- As stated in CR3846, the payment allowance limits for new drugs and biologicals not included in the Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File or Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) Pricing File are based on 106 per cent of the Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC). A MLN Matters article related to CR3846 is available at <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM3846.pdf> on the CMS website.
- Those billing Medicare carriers may note that code Q4080 will be assigned to status indicator "E" and codes Q9958-Q9964 will be assigned status indicator "B" in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database.
- While Medicare carriers and DMERCs will accept Q4080 to report iloprost inhalation solution, only Medicare DMERCs will make payment for Q4080.
- Where appropriate, revenue code 0636 should be assigned when billing these HOCM HCPCS codes.
- Critical Access Hospital outpatient departments should bill for codes Q4080 and Q9958-Q9964 using type of bill (TOB) 85X. Payment for such services will be based on reasonable cost and beneficiary deductible and coinsurance does apply.
- Skilled Nursing Facilities billing under Medicare Part B should use TOB 22X (for inpatient Part B) and 23X (outpatient) for codes Q4080 and Q9958-Q9964. Payments to the SNFs will also be made on a reasonable cost basis and beneficiary deductible and coinsurance does apply.

The official instruction issued to your carrier/DMERC/FI regarding this change may be found by going to <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R600CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions regarding this issue, contact your carrier/DMERC/FI on their toll free number, which is available 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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