



News Flash – The Medicare Part B Competitive Acquisition Program (CAP) for Drugs and Biologicals has been postponed for 2009. Information about upcoming CAP deadlines is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/CompetitiveAcquisforBios/index.html> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services website.

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Note: This article was updated on December 17, 2012, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Emergency Update to the 2009 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB)

Provider Types Affected

Physicians and providers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), and/or Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for professional services provided to Medicare beneficiaries that are paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS).

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 6351 which amends payment files that were issued to contractors based upon the 2009 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Final Rule. Be sure billing staff are aware of these changes.

Background

Section 1848(c)(4) of the Social Security Act authorizes the Secretary to establish ancillary policies necessary to implement relative values for physicians' services.

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Specific changes included in the Emergency Update to the 2009 MPFSDB are detailed in Attachment 1 of CR 6351. That CR is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1661CP.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website. Key changes, however, are summarized as follows:

Noncovered Services

Due to the National Coverage Determination for Thermal Intradiscal Procedures (TIPs), effective September 29, 2008, current procedural terminology (CPT) codes 22526, 22527, 0962T and 0963T became noncovered services on or after September 29, 2008 for Medicare purposes.

Descriptor Changes

The long and/or short descriptors have been revised for the following codes:

CPT Code	Revised Long Descriptor	Revised Short Descriptor
4275F	Hepatitis B vaccine injection administered or previously received (HIV)	Hep b vac inj admin/ rcvd
D0486	Laboratory accession of brush biopsy sample, microscopic examination, preparation and transmission of written report	N/A
D1203	Topical application of fluoride - child	Topical app fluoride child
D1204	Topical application of fluoride – adult	Topical app fluoride adult
D3310	Endodontic therapy, anterior tooth (excluding final restoration)	End thxpy, anterior tooth
D3320	Endodontic therapy, bicuspid tooth (excluding final restoration)	End thxpy, bicuspid tooth
D3330	Endodontic therapy, molar (excluding final restoration)	End thxpy, molar
D4210	Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty - four or more contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant	N/A
D4211	Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty - one to three contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant	N/A

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CPT Code	Revised Long Descriptor	Revised Short Descriptor
D4240	Gingival flap procedure, including root planing - four or more contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant	N/A
D4241	Gingival flap procedure, including root planing - one to three contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant	N/A
D4260	Osseous surgery (including flap entry and closure) - four or more contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant	N/A
D4261	Osseous surgery (including flap entry and closure) - one to three contiguous teeth or tooth bounded spaces per quadrant	N/A
Q4114	Integra flowable wound matrix, injectable, 1 cc	N/A

New Dental Codes for 2009

- D0417 - Long Descriptor: Collection and preparation of saliva sample for laboratory diagnostic testing; Short Descriptor: Collect & prep saliva sample
- D0418 - Long Descriptor: Analysis of saliva sample; Short Descriptor: Analysis of saliva sample
- D3222 - Long Descriptor: Partial pulpotomy for apexogenesis - permanent tooth with incomplete root development; Short Descriptor: Part pulp for apexogenesis
- D5991 - Long Descriptor: Topical medicament carrier; Short Descriptor: Topical medicament carrier

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 6351, issued to your carrier, FI, or MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1661CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier, FI, or MAC at their toll-free number, which may be 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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