



News Flash – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced the single payment amounts for the Round 1 Rebid of the Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program. The Press Release on this issue is at http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press_releases.asp and a related fact sheet is at http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/fact_sheets.asp on the CMS website.

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New Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Specialty Code for Ocularists

Provider Types Affected

Suppliers and providers who bill Medicare Carriers, Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) and Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME/MACs) for ocular services to Medicare beneficiaries are affected by this change.

Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 6891 that instructs Ocularists to use the new DMEPOS specialty code B5 as a valid primary and/or secondary specialty code.

Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Change Request (CR) 6891 to reflect the establishment of the new DMEPOS specialty code for Ocularists which is B5. Specialty codes are used by CMS for programmatic and

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claims processing purposes. They are used in expenditure analysis, and Medicare contractors use specialty code data to develop claims processing edits.

Additional Information

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare A/B MAC, DME MAC or carrier 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.

The official instruction, CR6891, issued to your Medicare A/B MAC, DME MAC or carrier regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R2030CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

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