



News Flash – Under the Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program, which became effective on January 1, 2011, beneficiaries with Original Medicare who obtain competitively bid items in Competitive Bidding Areas (CBAs) must obtain these items from a contract supplier for Medicare to pay, unless an exception applies. One exception occurs when an item of DMEPOS that a beneficiary already owns needs to be repaired. The “DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program Repairs and Replacements” Fact Sheet contains helpful information on Competitive Bidding Program rules that apply when an item of DMEPOS that is owned by a beneficiary needs to be repaired or requires replacement parts. It includes information on which items and services non-contract suppliers may provide, and which Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes can be considered replacement parts associated with repair of base equipment. To view the fact sheet, please visit the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Educational Resources page at http://www.cms.gov/DMEPOSCompetitiveBid/04_Educational_Resources.asp on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website, scroll down to “Downloads”, and select “DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Fact Sheets”.

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2011 Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supply (DMEPOS) Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Code Jurisdiction List

Provider Types Affected

Suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (DME Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs), Part B Carriers, and Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)) for DMEPOS services provided to Medicare beneficiaries are affected.

Provider Action Needed

This article is informational and based on Change Request (CR) 7257 that notifies providers that the spreadsheet containing an updated list of the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for DME MAC, Part B carrier, or A/B MAC jurisdictions is updated annually to reflect codes that have been

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added or discontinued (deleted) each year. The spreadsheet is helpful to billing staff by showing the appropriate Medicare contractor to be billed for HCPCS appearing on the spreadsheet. The spreadsheet for the 2011 Jurisdiction List is an Excel® spreadsheet and is available under the Coding Category at <http://www.cms.gov/center/dme.asp> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR7257, issued to your Medicare A/B MAC, carrier and DME/MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R2132CP.pdf> on the CMS website. The 2011 Jurisdiction List is also attached to CR7257.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare contractor at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

News Flash - Get Your Flu Vaccine - Not the Flu. Don't forget to immunize yourself and your staff. Protect your patients. Protect your family. Protect yourself. While seasonal flu outbreaks can happen as early as October, flu activity usually peaks in January. This year's vaccine will protect against three different flu viruses, including the H1N1 virus that caused so much illness last flu season. The risks for complications, hospitalizations, and deaths from the flu are higher among individuals aged 65 years and older. Medicare pays for the seasonal flu vaccine and its administration for seniors and others with Medicare with no co-pay or deductible. Health care workers, who may spread the flu to high risk patients, should get vaccinated too. **Remember** – Influenza vaccine plus its administration are covered Part B benefits. Note that influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. For information about Medicare's coverage of the influenza vaccine and its administration, as well as related educational resources for health care staff, please visit http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/Downloads/Flu_Products.pdf and <http://www.cms.gov/AdultImmunizations> on the CMS website.

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