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Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Drug/Biological Code Changes – April 2011 Update

Note: This article was revised on February 22, 2011, to show the correct status indicator of “X” for HCPCS code Q2040. All other information is the same.

Provider Types Affected

This article is for physicians, other providers, and suppliers who bill Medicare contractors (Carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs), Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), or Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs)) for services provided to Medicare Beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

Change Request (CR) 7299 announces that effective for claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2011, HCPCS code Q2040 (Injection, Incobotulinumtoxin A, 1 Unit) will be payable by Medicare. Specifically, your contractors will accept Q2040 as a valid HCPCS code for dates of service on or after April 1, 2011, using Type of Service (TOS) 1, 9, and Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) Status Indicator “X” (Statutorily Excluded from

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Physician Fee Schedule). You should make sure that your billing staffs are aware of this HCPCS code change.

Additional Information

You can find the official instruction, CR7299, issued to your carrier, FI, RHHI, A/B MAC, or DME MAC by visiting <http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R2147CP.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website. If you have any questions, please contact your carrier, FI, RHHI, A/B MAC, or DME MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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