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Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Drug/Biological Code Changes - October 2015 Update

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers who submit claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), including Home Health and Hospice MACs (HH+H MACs) and Durable Medical Equipment MACs (DME MACs), for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

Change Request (CR) 9273 informs the MACs that, effective for claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code Q9979 (INJECTION, ALEMTUZUMAB, 1 MG) will be payable for Medicare. Make sure that your billing staff are aware of these changes.

Background

The Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code set is updated on a quarterly basis. Change Request (CR) 9273 instructs that, effective for claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 2015, HCPCS code Q9979 will be established for

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alemtuzumab (Lemtrada) and will be payable for Medicare. See the following table for details regarding this temporary HCPCS code:

| HCPCS Code | Short Description | Long Description | Type of Service (TOS) Code | Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB) Status Indicator |
|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Q9979 | Injection, Alemtuzumab | Injection, Alemtuzumab, 1 mg | 1, P | E |

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 9273, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3304CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

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