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Medicare System Edits for Respiratory Assist Devices (RADs) with Bi-Level Capability and a Back-Up Rate

Note: This article was updated on October 23, 2012, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers who bill Medicare regional home health intermediaries (RHHIs) or durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs) for Respiratory Assist Devices (RADs)

Provider Action Needed

Please be aware of this payment change for RADs with bi-level capability and a back-up rate.

Key Points

- The Final Rule, CMS-1167-F, *Payment for Respiratory Assist Devices (RADs) with Bi-Level Capability and a Back-Up Rate*, states that RADs with bi-level capability and a back-up rate must be paid as capped rental (CR) items or durable medical equipment (DME) under the Medicare program.
- RADs should not be paid as items requiring frequent and substantial servicing (FSS), as defined in section 1834(a)(3) of the Social Security Act.
- Effective April 1, 2006, Medicare will move the HCPCS codes E0471 and E0472 from the FSS category to the capped rental (CR) category.

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Additional Information

The first claim received for each beneficiary for these codes with a date of service on or after April 1, 2006, will be counted as the first rental month in the cap rental period. Suppliers should begin submitting cap rental modifiers KH, KI or KJ, as appropriate, with all rental claims for these codes with dates of service on or after April 1, 2006.

The official instruction issued to your regional home health intermediary (RHHI) or durable medical equipment regional carrier (DMERC) regarding this change may be found by going to <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R825CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

Please refer to your local RHHI or DMERC if you have any questions. To find their toll free phone number, go to <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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