



**News Flash** - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce that a new self-service look-up tool is now available on the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) Portal at <http://www.qualitynet.org/pqri>, which allows an eligible professional at the Tax Identification Number (TIN) level to see if their 2007 PQRI Feedback Report is available. Once on the site, go to the "Verify TIN Report Portlet" which is located at the bottom left of the page. Enter the TIN and a message appears that indicates if a 2007 PQRI Feedback Report is or is not available. This self-service look-up tool does not allow the eligible professional to view their 2007 PQRI Feedback Report. The availability of the 2007 PQRI Feedback Report is helpful for the eligible professional to know because it enables them to decide if they need to register for an IACS account so that they can log into and view their 2007 PQRI Feedback Report. Additional information is in MLN Matters Special Edition articles SE0830-- (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0830.pdf>) and SE0831-- (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0831.pdf>) on the CMS website.

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## 2009 Annual Update to the Therapy Code List

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, therapists, and providers of therapy services billing Medicare Carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), including Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for outpatient rehabilitation therapy services.

### What Providers Need to Know

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 6254 and alerts providers to updates to Medicare's therapy code list with two "sometimes" therapy codes for CY 2009. Note that these codes always represent therapy services and require the use of a therapy modifier when performed by therapists. The two codes added are:

1. **95992** – Standard Canalith repositioning procedure(s) (eg, Epley maneuver, Semont maneuver), per day.

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2. **0183T** – Low frequency, non-contact, non-thermal ultrasound, including topical applications(s), when performed, wound assessment, and instruction(s) for ongoing care, per day.

**Note:** If billed by a hospital subject to Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) for an outpatient service, CPT code 0183T will be paid under the OPPS when the service is not performed by a qualified therapist and it is inappropriate to bill the service under a therapy plan of care. In addition, no Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) amount exists for this code. Since the local carrier (or A/B MAC) determines the coverage and pricing for this code, the FI or A/B MAC contacts the local contractor to obtain the appropriate fee schedule amount.

## Background

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This instruction updates the list of codes that sometimes or always describe therapy services. The additions, changes, and deletions to the therapy code list reflect those made in the CY 2008 and 2009 HCPCS/CPT-4.

Therapy services, including “always therapy” services, must follow all the policies for therapy services detailed in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 5 which is available at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c05.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website and the *Medicare Benefit Policy Manual*, Chapter 12, which is available at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/Downloads/bp102c12.pdf> on the CMS website.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction (CR6254) issued to your Medicare FI, A/B MAC, carrier or RHHI, which is at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1625CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare FI, A/B MAC, carrier or RHHI at their toll-free number which may be found at:

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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