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	Change Request 11407

SUBJECT: 2020 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Annual Update Reminder

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The complete HCPCS file is updated and released annually to the Medicare contractors. The file contains existing, new, revised and discontinued HCPCS codes for 2020. Contractors shall download the file via the CMS mainframe in early November. The recurring update notification applies to chapter 23, section 20 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 6, 2020

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	N/A

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: Medicare providers submitting claims to Medicare contractors for Part B services use a HCPCS code to indicate the service that was rendered. The updated HCPCS file containing the HCPCS codes is released annually to Medicare contractors via CMS' mainframe telecommunications system. If any adjustments/updates are needed, the contractors shall be notified by an email from CMS to the CMS Functional Workgroups. The email will include instructions to implement the adjustments/updates.

The alphanumeric index and the table of drugs will also be posted to the CMS website in early November. The website address is <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/Alpha-Numeric-HCPCS.html>.

B. Policy: There is no new policy associated with this change request.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								Other
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
11407.1	Medicare contractors shall download the 2020 annual HCPCS update from the CMS mainframe. Contractors will be notified by an email from the CMS Functional Workgroups when the file is available for downloading in November 2019. The filename is as follows: P@HCP.@AAA2360.HCPC2020.CONTR NOTE: The new HCPCS update is effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2020.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	VDC
11407.2	Contractors shall notify CMS of successful receipt via email to price_file_receipt@cms.hhs.gov stating the name of the file received, (e.g., Clinical Lab Fee Schedule, Average Sales Price, etc.) and the entity for which it was received (i.e., include states, carrier	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	VDC

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	numbers, quarter, and if Part A, Part B, or both).									
11407.3	If any adjustments/updates are needed, such as a corrected HCPCS file, CMS shall notify the contractors by an email from CMS to the CMS Functional Workgroup. The email shall instruct the contractors what action(s) to take to implement any adjustments/updates. This should occur multiple times as needed and as the adjustments/updates are known.	X	X	X	X			X		CMS, VDC
11407.3.1	Contractors shall implement the adjustments/updates to the HCPCS file in accordance with the instructions CMS has sent to the CMS Functional Workgroup.	X	X	X	X			X		VDC

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
	None					

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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