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### *Website for Additions and Deletions of ZIP Codes Requiring a Plus Four ZIP Code Extension*

#### Key Words

MM5970, CR5970, R1480CP, ZIP

#### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and other health care providers submitting claims to Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), carriers, Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) or Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) for services paid under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) and for anesthesia services

#### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is April 21, 2008.
- The implementation date is April 21, 2008.
- The ZIP code where services are rendered determines the payment locality for services paid under the MPFS and for anesthesia services.
- Certain ZIP codes fall into more than one payment locality and require a plus four ZIP code extension to ensure proper payment. See the MLN Matters article at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5208.pdf> on the CMS website.
- To access a file containing the quarterly additions and deletions to the list of ZIP Codes requiring a plus four extension, providers may refer to [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/prospmedicarefeesvcpmtgen/01\\_overview.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/prospmedicarefeesvcpmtgen/01_overview.asp) on the CMS website. The file is named, "ZIP Code to Carrier Locality". It can be found in the Downloads section of this web page.
- To access a file containing all ZIP Codes requiring a plus four extension, providers may refer to [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/prospmedicarefeesvcpmtgen/01\\_overview.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/prospmedicarefeesvcpmtgen/01_overview.asp) on the CMS website. The file is named "ZIP Codes Requiring +4 Ext". It can be found in the Downloads section of this web page.

- Upon release of a new quarterly update, the previous quarter's additions and deletions are incorporated into the file name "ZIP Codes Requiring +4 Ext" file and are not included in the "ZIP Code to Carrier Locality" file.

## Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5970.pdf> on the CMS website.

To see the official instruction (CR5970) issued regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1480CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have questions, they may contact their Medicare FI, carrier, A/B MAC 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.