

# CMS Manual System

## Pub 100-20 One-Time Notification

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Change Request 4324

**SUBJECT: Q4080 - Change in HCPCS Code Descriptor**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** The purpose of this One-Time Notification is to instruct the Carriers, FIs, and DMERCs to update their HCPCS coding systems to include the revised long descriptor for HCPCS code Q4080 effective January 1, 2006.

**NEW/REVISED MATERIAL :**

**EFFECTIVE DATE : \*January 1, 2006**

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE : March 13, 2006**

*Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.*

**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	

**III. FUNDING:**

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

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# Attachment – One-Time Notification

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** This CR provides clarification on the change in the long descriptor for HCPCS code Q4080 effective January 1, 2006.

**B. Policy:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services established HCPCS code Q4080 effective July 1, 2005, with a code descriptor that read “ILOPROST, INHALATION SOLUTION, ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME, 20 MICROGRAMS.” Effective January 1, 2006, the code long descriptor for Q4080 shall read “ILOPROST, INHALATION SOLUTION, ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME, UP TO 20 MCG.” The short descriptor for this code will continue to read “Iloprost inhalation solution.”

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

*“Shall” denotes a mandatory requirement*

*“Should” denotes an optional requirement*

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)										
		F	I	R	H	C	D	Shared System Maintainers				Other
								I	M	V	C	
						S	S	S	W	F		
4324.1	Medicare contractors shall update their HCPCS coding systems to revise the long descriptor for Q4080 from “ILOPROST, INHALATION SOLUTION, ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME, 20 MICROGRAMS” to “ILOPROST, INHALATION SOLUTION, ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME, UP TO 20 MCG.” The change in the long descriptor is effective January 1, 2006. The short descriptor for this code will continue to read “Iloprost inhalation solution.”	X	X	X	X					X		

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		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F			
4324.2	The January 2006 ASP payment limit for code Q4080 reflects the change in the code descriptor.	X	X	X	X				X	

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F			
4324.3	Contractors shall educate providers that one unit of Q4080 is billed when either the 10mcg/1ml or the 20mcg/2ml ampule size is furnished.	X	X	X	X					
4324.4	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters">www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters</a> shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "medlearn matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin and incorporated into any educational events on this topic. Contractors are free to supplement Medlearn Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	X	X	X	X					

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		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	

**IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

**A. Other Instructions:**

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions
N/A	

**B. Design Considerations:**

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements
N/A	

**C. Interfaces: N/A**

**D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A**

**E. Dependencies: N/A**

**F. Testing Considerations: N/A**

**V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING**

<p><b>Effective Date*:</b> January 1, 2006</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> March 13, 2006</p> <p><b>Pre-Implementation Contact(s):</b> Marjorie Baldo, 410-786-4617</p> <p><b>Post-Implementation Contact(s):</b> Marjorie Baldo, 410-786-4617</p>	<p><b>No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.</b></p>
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