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	Change Request 8204

SUBJECT: April Quarterly Update for 2013 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The DMEPOS fee schedule is updated on a quarterly basis, when necessary, in order to implement fee schedule amounts for new codes and correct any fee schedule amounts for existing codes. The attached Recurring Update Notification applies to Chapter 23, Section 60.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2013 (for implementation of fee schedule amount for codes in effect on January 1, 2013; April 1, 2013 for all other changes)

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 1, 2013

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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	

III. FUNDING:

For Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) and/or Carriers:
No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractors activities are to be carried out with their operating budgets

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 obliged 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

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The DMEPOS fee schedules are updated on a quarterly basis, when necessary, in order to implement fee schedule amounts for new and existing codes, as applicable, and apply changes in payment policies. The quarterly update process for the DMEPOS fee schedule is located in Pub.100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, chapter 23, section 60.

B. Policy: This recurring update notification provides instructions regarding the April quarterly update for the 2013 DMEPOS fee schedule. Payment on a fee schedule basis is required for durable medical equipment (DME), prosthetic devices, orthotics, prosthetics, and surgical dressings by §1834(a), (h), and (i) of the Social Security Act. Also, payment on a fee schedule basis is a regulatory requirement at 42 CFR §414.102 for parenteral and enteral nutrition (PEN).

The coverage indicators for Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes L8680, L8682, L8683, L8684, L8685, L8686, L8687, and L8688 have changed from invalid for Medicare ("I") to special coverage instructions apply ("D"), effective January 1, 2013. This change to the coverage indicators for codes L8680, L8682 through L8688 are noted in the 2013 HCPCS Correction file, posted at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/Alpha-Numeric-HCPCS.html>.

Included in Attachment A are the CY 2013 fee schedule amounts for HCPCS codes L8680, L8682 through L8688. In accordance with 1834(h)(4)(A)(xi) of the Social Security Act, the fee schedule amounts for these codes were updated for 2013 by applying the 2013 0.8 percent update factor to the 2012 fee schedule amounts. Contractors should be aware that the 2013 fee schedule amounts for HCPCS codes L8680 and L8682 through L8688 will not appear on the 2013 DMEPOS fee schedule files. A separate public use file containing only the 2013 fee schedule amounts for codes L8680, L8682 through L8688 is available for download on the CMS DMEPOS fee schedule website at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/DMEPOSFeeSched/index.html>

Diabetic Testing Supplies

In accordance with section 636(b) of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA), effective for claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2013, the 2009 fee schedule covered item update for non-mail order diabetic supplies is revised from 5 percent to -9.5 percent. Diabetic testing supplies are the supplies necessary for the effective use of a blood glucose monitor as listed with the HCPCS codes below. As part of this update, the fee schedule amounts for these codes have been revised to reflect the change in the 2009 covered item update.

A4233 Replacement Battery, Alkaline (Other Than J Cell), For Use With Medically Necessary Home Blood Glucose Monitor Owned By Patient, Each

A4234 Replacement Battery, Alkaline, J Cell, For Use With Medically Necessary Home Blood Glucose Monitor Owned By Patient, Each

A4235 Replacement Battery, Lithium, For Use With Medically Necessary Home Blood Glucose Monitor Owned By Patient, Each

A4236 Replacement Battery, Silver Oxide, For Use With Medically Necessary Home Blood Glucose Monitor Owned By Patient, Each

A4253 Blood Glucose Test or Reagent Strips For Home Glucose Monitor, Per 50 Strips

A4256 Normal, Low and High Calibration Solution / Chips

A4258 Spring-powered Device for Lancet, Each

A4259 Lancets, Per Box of 100

Also, effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2013, in accordance with section 636(a) of the ATRA, the fee schedule amounts for non-mail order diabetic supplies shall be further adjusted so that they are equal to the single payment amounts for mail order diabetic supplies established in implementing the national mail order competitive bidding program under section 1847 of the Act. The national competitive bidding program for mail order diabetic supplies is scheduled to take effect July 1, 2013. The definitions of mail order item and non-mail order item set forth in 42 CFR 414.402 is:

- Mail Order Item (KL HCPCS modifier)-- Any item shipped or delivered to the beneficiary's home, regardless of the method of delivery.
- Non-Mail Order Item (KL modifier not applicable)-- Any item that a beneficiary or caregiver picks up in person at a local pharmacy or supplier storefront.

A change request instruction and data file will be released for the July Quarterly Update to the 2013 DMEPOS Fee Schedule File to incorporate the new national payment amounts, and these amounts will be updated each time the amounts established in accordance with section 1847 of the Act are updated. The single payment amount public use file for the national mail order competitive bidding program will be available at www.dmecompetitivebid.com/palmetto/cbic.nsf/DocsCat/Home.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

Use "Shall" to denote a mandatory requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility										
		A/B MAC		D M E	F I	C A R R I E R	R H I	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		P a r t A	P a r t B	M A C				F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
8204.1	The DME MACs, A/B MACs, carriers and/or EDCs shall retrieve the DMEPOS fee schedule file (filename: MU00.@BF12393.DMEPOS.T130101.V0222). The file is available for download on or after February 22, 2013.	X	X	X		X						EDC
8204.1.1	Notification of successful receipt shall be sent via email to price_file_receipt@cms.hhs.gov stating the name of the file received and the entity receiving the	X	X	X		X						EDC

Number	Requirement	Responsibility										
		A/B MAC		DME MAC	FI	CARRI ER	RHHI	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		P a r t A	P a r t B					FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
	file (e.g., contractor name and number).											
8204.2	The A/B MACs, FIs, RHHIs and/or EDCs shall retrieve the DMEPOS fee schedule file (filename: MU00.@BF12393.DMEPOS.T130101.V0222.FI). The file is available for download on or after February 22, 2013.	X	X		X		X					EDC
8204.2.1	Notification of successful receipt shall be sent via email to price_file_receipt@cms.hhs.gov stating the name of the file received and the entity receiving the file (e.g., contractor name and number).	X	X		X		X					EDC
8204.3	Contractors shall use the 2013 DMEPOS fee schedule amounts from the DMEPOS fee schedule file(s) of business requirements 1 and 2 to pay claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2013.	X	X	X	X	X	X					
8204.4	Contractor shall use the 2013 fee schedule amounts for codes L8680, and L8682 through L8688 in Attachment A for claims with dates of service January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.	X	X		X	X						

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility						
		A/B MAC		DME MAC	FI	CARRI ER	RHHI	Other
		P a r t A	P a r t B					
8204.5	MLN Article : A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/ Shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established	X	X	X	X	X	X	

Number	Requirement	Responsibility					
		A/B MAC	D M E	F I	C A R R I E R	R H H I	Other
		P a r t A	P a r t B	M A C			
	"MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within one week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.						

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A
Use "Should" to denote 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) or Contractor Manager, as applicable.

VI. FUNDING

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Attachment (1)

Attachment A

2013 Fees for Codes L8680 and L8682 through L8688

	JURIS	CATG	L8680	L8682	L8683	L8684	L8685	L8686	L8687	L8688
AL	L	PO	\$432.04	\$5,607.35	\$4,935.72	\$648.16	\$12,299.59	\$7,848.15	\$16,006.69	\$10,213.57
AR	L	PO	\$432.00	\$5,606.82	\$4,935.27	\$726.11	\$12,298.45	\$7,847.38	\$16,005.21	\$10,212.60
AZ	L	PO	\$440.40	\$5,715.74	\$5,031.17	\$732.55	\$12,537.39	\$7,999.88	\$16,316.14	\$10,411.02
CA	L	PO	\$440.40	\$5,715.74	\$5,031.17	\$732.55	\$12,537.39	\$7,999.88	\$16,316.14	\$10,411.02
CO	L	PO	\$440.03	\$5,710.88	\$5,026.89	\$743.25	\$12,526.69	\$7,993.03	\$16,302.26	\$10,402.12
CT	L	PO	\$419.40	\$5,443.44	\$4,791.47	\$633.34	\$11,940.07	\$7,618.70	\$15,538.80	\$9,915.01
DC	L	PO	\$421.17	\$5,466.07	\$4,811.39	\$738.58	\$11,989.72	\$7,650.40	\$15,603.42	\$9,956.24
DE	L	PO	\$421.17	\$5,466.07	\$4,811.39	\$738.58	\$11,989.72	\$7,650.40	\$15,603.42	\$9,956.24
FL	L	PO	\$432.04	\$5,607.35	\$4,935.72	\$648.16	\$12,299.59	\$7,848.15	\$16,006.69	\$10,213.57
GA	L	PO	\$432.04	\$5,607.35	\$4,935.72	\$648.16	\$12,299.59	\$7,848.15	\$16,006.69	\$10,213.57
IA	L	PO	\$431.78	\$5,603.95	\$4,932.79	\$790.76	\$12,292.16	\$7,843.39	\$15,997.03	\$10,207.38
ID	L	PO	\$435.71	\$5,654.72	\$4,977.44	\$736.69	\$12,403.49	\$7,914.43	\$16,141.88	\$10,299.82
IL	L	PO	\$441.29	\$5,727.21	\$5,041.26	\$791.05	\$12,562.56	\$8,015.93	\$16,348.90	\$10,431.93
IN	L	PO	\$441.29	\$5,727.21	\$5,041.26	\$791.05	\$12,562.56	\$8,015.93	\$16,348.90	\$10,431.93
KS	L	PO	\$431.78	\$5,603.95	\$4,932.79	\$790.76	\$12,292.16	\$7,843.39	\$15,997.03	\$10,207.38
KY	L	PO	\$432.04	\$5,607.35	\$4,935.72	\$648.16	\$12,299.59	\$7,848.15	\$16,006.69	\$10,213.57
LA	L	PO	\$432.00	\$5,606.82	\$4,935.27	\$726.11	\$12,298.45	\$7,847.38	\$16,005.21	\$10,212.60
MA	L	PO	\$419.40	\$5,443.44	\$4,791.47	\$633.34	\$11,940.07	\$7,618.70	\$15,538.80	\$9,915.01
MD	L	PO	\$421.17	\$5,466.07	\$4,811.39	\$738.58	\$11,989.72	\$7,650.40	\$15,603.42	\$9,956.24
ME	L	PO	\$419.40	\$5,443.44	\$4,791.47	\$633.34	\$11,940.07	\$7,618.70	\$15,538.80	\$9,915.01
MI	L	PO	\$441.29	\$5,727.21	\$5,041.26	\$791.05	\$12,562.56	\$8,015.93	\$16,348.90	\$10,431.93
MN	L	PO	\$441.29	\$5,727.21	\$5,041.26	\$791.05	\$12,562.56	\$8,015.93	\$16,348.90	\$10,431.93
MO	L	PO	\$431.78	\$5,603.95	\$4,932.79	\$790.76	\$12,292.16	\$7,843.39	\$15,997.03	\$10,207.38
MS	L	PO	\$432.04	\$5,607.35	\$4,935.72	\$648.16	\$12,299.59	\$7,848.15	\$16,006.69	\$10,213.57
MT	L	PO	\$440.03	\$5,710.88	\$5,026.89	\$743.25	\$12,526.69	\$7,993.03	\$16,302.26	\$10,402.12
NC	L	PO	\$432.04	\$5,607.35	\$4,935.72	\$648.16	\$12,299.59	\$7,848.15	\$16,006.69	\$10,213.57
ND	L	PO	\$440.03	\$5,710.88	\$5,026.89	\$743.25	\$12,526.69	\$7,993.03	\$16,302.26	\$10,402.12
NE	L	PO	\$431.78	\$5,603.95	\$4,932.79	\$790.76	\$12,292.16	\$7,843.39	\$15,997.03	\$10,207.38
NH	L	PO	\$419.40	\$5,443.44	\$4,791.47	\$633.34	\$11,940.07	\$7,618.70	\$15,538.80	\$9,915.01
NJ	L	PO	\$419.40	\$5,443.44	\$4,791.47	\$633.34	\$11,940.07	\$7,618.70	\$15,538.80	\$9,915.01
NM	L	PO	\$432.00	\$5,606.82	\$4,935.27	\$726.11	\$12,298.45	\$7,847.38	\$16,005.21	\$10,212.60
NV	L	PO	\$440.40	\$5,715.74	\$5,031.17	\$732.55	\$12,537.39	\$7,999.88	\$16,316.14	\$10,411.02
NY	L	PO	\$419.40	\$5,443.44	\$4,791.47	\$633.34	\$11,940.07	\$7,618.70	\$15,538.80	\$9,915.01
OH	L	PO	\$441.29	\$5,727.21	\$5,041.26	\$791.05	\$12,562.56	\$8,015.93	\$16,348.90	\$10,431.93
OK	L	PO	\$432.00	\$5,606.82	\$4,935.27	\$726.11	\$12,298.45	\$7,847.38	\$16,005.21	\$10,212.60
OR	L	PO	\$435.71	\$5,654.72	\$4,977.44	\$736.69	\$12,403.49	\$7,914.43	\$16,141.88	\$10,299.82
PA	L	PO	\$421.17	\$5,466.07	\$4,811.39	\$738.58	\$11,989.72	\$7,650.40	\$15,603.42	\$9,956.24
RI	L	PO	\$419.40	\$5,443.44	\$4,791.47	\$633.34	\$11,940.07	\$7,618.70	\$15,538.80	\$9,915.01
SC	L	PO	\$432.04	\$5,607.35	\$4,935.72	\$648.16	\$12,299.59	\$7,848.15	\$16,006.69	\$10,213.57
SD	L	PO	\$440.03	\$5,710.88	\$5,026.89	\$743.25	\$12,526.69	\$7,993.03	\$16,302.26	\$10,402.12
TN	L	PO	\$432.04	\$5,607.35	\$4,935.72	\$648.16	\$12,299.59	\$7,848.15	\$16,006.69	\$10,213.57
TX	L	PO	\$432.00	\$5,606.82	\$4,935.27	\$726.11	\$12,298.45	\$7,847.38	\$16,005.21	\$10,212.60
UT	L	PO	\$440.03	\$5,710.88	\$5,026.89	\$743.25	\$12,526.69	\$7,993.03	\$16,302.26	\$10,402.12
VA	L	PO	\$421.17	\$5,466.07	\$4,811.39	\$738.58	\$11,989.72	\$7,650.40	\$15,603.42	\$9,956.24
VT	L	PO	\$419.40	\$5,443.44	\$4,791.47	\$633.34	\$11,940.07	\$7,618.70	\$15,538.80	\$9,915.01

