
Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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CHANGE REQUEST 1640

SUBJECT: HCPCS Codes for Wheelchairs and Accessories – Instructions for Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)

New codes for wheelchairs and accessories (K0001 through K0108) were added to the HCPCS in 1994. These codes replaced the codes previously used to code wheelchairs and accessories (E0950 through E1031 and E1050 through E1298.) With the exception of codes E0962 through E0965, E1031, and E1230, RHHIs are to recognize only the K codes for the purpose of submitting initial rental or purchase claims to Medicare for wheelchairs and wheelchair accessories. RHHIs should continue to use codes E0962 through E0965, E1031, and E1230 since there were no corresponding K codes added for these items.

RHHIs that have not yet transitioned to the K codes must continue to process claims for rental of wheelchairs and wheelchair accessories that were submitted using the E codes until the point at which the rental period caps out. Rentals for items in the capped rental payment category are capped at either the 13th month, if the beneficiary elects to take over ownership of the item (the “purchase option,”) or the 15th month if the beneficiary elects to continue renting the item. Rentals for items in the inexpensive or routinely purchased DME payment category are capped out at the point where the sum of the rental payments equals the purchase fee schedule amount for the item. In addition, after transitioning to the K codes, RHHIs will need to continue to process claims for maintenance and servicing of wheelchairs and wheelchair accessories in the capped rental category that were billed initially using the E codes. RHHIs that have not yet transitioned to the K codes must notify suppliers in their next scheduled bulletin to begin using the K codes for the initial rental or purchase, if applicable, of a wheelchair or wheelchair accessory not identified by codes E0962 through E0965, E1031, E1035, and E1230. Attached is the list of HCPCS Level II codes for wheelchairs and wheelchair accessories that are being added to the Outpatient Code Editor. This change is effective for claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 2001.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is October 1, 2001.

The *implementation date* for this PM is October 1, 2001.

Any questions regarding these instructions should be directed to Joel Kaiser on (410) 786-4499.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded June 30, 2002.

Attachment

LEVEL II HCPCS E CODES FOR WHEELCHAIRS AND ACCESSORIES THAT MUST BE MAINTAINED IN THE CONTRACTOR SYSTEMS FOR PROCESSING OF FUTURE CLAIMS

E0958	E1225
E0962	E1228
E0963	E1230
E0964	E1240
E0965	E1250
E0968	E1260
E1031	E1270
E1050	E1280
E1060	E1285
E1070	E1290
E1083	E1295
E1084	E1296
E1085	E1297
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