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# Program Memorandum Carriers

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## CHANGE REQUEST 1448

### **SUBJECT: New Temporary “K” Code for Insulin Lispro**

A new temporary “K” code has been established for Insulin Lispro which is indicated in the treatment of diabetes mellitus for the control of hyperglycemia. It has a more rapid onset and shorter duration of action than regular human insulin. Due to its short half-life it is absorbed faster and reaches peak onset faster.

The new code will read:

K0548 Injection, Insulin Lispro, up to 50 units

CWF Category: 17, 60

DMERC DMEPOS Category: 9

TOS: P

POS: 12,33,54,55,56

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

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

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after April 1, 2002.**

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