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Change Request 3785

SUBJECT: Correction 2005 Clinical Laboratory Travel Fee (P9603 P9604)

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This change will inform contractors of corrections to the payment for codes P9603 and P9604 for clinical laboratory travel fees.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL :

EFFECTIVE DATE : January 1, 2005

IMPLEMENTATION DATE : July 5, 2005

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

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 2005 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

One-Time Notification

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Attachment – One-Time Notification

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SUBJECT: Correction 2005 Clinical Laboratory Travel Fee (Codes P9603 and P9604)

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: A Recurring Update Notification (Change Request (CR) 3526) issued on November 5, 2004, provided instructions on fees for traveling to perform a clinical laboratory specimen collection for either a nursing home or homebound patient. A laboratory can bill for its travel services with one of the following codes: code P9603 for a per mileage trip basis or code P9604 for a flat rate trip basis where the average round trip is less than 20 miles (or an average of 10 miles per leg of the trip). For dates of service January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, payment for the personnel portion encompassed in the codes is \$0.45 per mile. For dates of service January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, the standard mileage rate for the transportation portion encompassed in the codes was instructed in CR 3526 as \$0.385 per mile. However, the standard mileage rate is corrected to \$0.405 per mile. Thus, the 2005 fees for code P9603 is corrected to \$0.855 per mile and for code P9604 is corrected to \$8.55 per flat rate trip basis.

B. Policy: The 2005 fees for code P9603 is corrected to \$0.855 per mile and for code P9604 is corrected to \$8.55 per flat rate trip basis. The correction is effective for dates of service January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

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 I	C H I 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			
3785.1	Contractors shall correct the fees for code P9603 to \$0.855 per mile and for code P9604 to \$8.55 per flat rate trip basis. The correction is effective for dates of service January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.	X		X			X	X		
3785.2	Contractors should not search to either retract payment for claims already paid or to retroactively pay claims. However, contractors shall adjust claims brought to their attention.	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	
3758.3	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters 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		

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

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

Effective Date: January 1, 2005 Implementation Date: July 5, 2005 Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Anita Greenberg at agreenberg@cms.hhs.gov Post-Implementation Contact(s): Anita Greenberg at agreenberg@cms.hhs.gov	No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2005 operating budgets.
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