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SUBJECT: 2016 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Annual Update Reminder

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The complete HCPCS file is updated and released annually to the Medicare contractors. The file contains existing, new, revised and discontinued HCPCS codes for 2016. Contractors must download the file via the CMS mainframe in early November. The Recurring Update Notification applies to Chapter 23, Section 20 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2016

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 4, 2016

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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	N/A

III. FUNDING:

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 obligated 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

Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: Medicare providers submitting claims to Medicare contractors for Part B service use a HCPCS code to indicate the service that was rendered. The updated HCPCS file containing the HCPCS codes is released annually to Medicare contractors via CMS' mainframe telecommunications system.

B. Policy: This is our annual reminder that the 2016 HCPCS file will be made available via the CMS mainframe telecommunication system. The file may be retrieved early in November, 2015.

The alpha-numeric index and the table of drugs will also be posted to the CMS Web site in early November. The Web site address is <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/ANHCPCS/list.asp>.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
9353.1	<p>Medicare contractors shall download the 2016 annual HCPCS update from the CMS mainframe. Contractors will be notified by an email from the CMS Functional Workgroup when the file is available for downloading in November 2015. The filename is as follows: P@HCP.@AAA2360.HCPC2016.CONTR</p> <p>NOTE: The new HCPCS update is effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2016.</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	VDC

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility		
		A/B MAC	D M E	C E D

		A	B	H H H	M A C	I
	None					

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information: N/A
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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).

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