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CHANGE REQUEST 4057

SUBJECT: 2006 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 alpha-numeric and CPT-4 codes for 2006. Contractors must download the file via the CMS mainframe in mid-October.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE*: January 1, 2006
IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 3, 2006

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply to the red italicized material only. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual not updated.)
(R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED) – (Only One Per Row.)

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 2006 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

	Business Requirements
	Manual Instruction
	Confidential Requirements
	One-Time Notification
X	Recurring Update Notification

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Attachment – Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: Medicare providers submitting claims to Medicare contractors for Part B services use a HCPCS code to indicate the service that was provided. HCPCS consist of Level I codes, which are the American Medical Association’s (AMA) Current Physician Terminology Codes (CPT-4) and Level II codes which are alpha-numeric and maintained by CMS. The updated HCPCS file is released annually to Medicare contractors via the CMS’s mainframe telecommunications system.

B. Policy: This is our annual reminder that the 2006 HCPCS file and its print file will be made available via the CMS’s mainframe telecommunication system. The file may be retrieved after 8:00p.m., eastern time, on October 12, 2005.

The paper documentation which consists of a cover memorandum, HCPCS tape characteristics and record layout, and transaction list printouts will be sent to you via U.S. Postal Service priority mail. The alpha-numeric index and the table of drugs will be posted to the CMS Website by the end of October.

The Web site address is <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/pufdownload/default.asp#alphanu>

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 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	
	Medicare contractors shall download the 2006 annual HCPCS update from the CMS mainframe which will be available after 8:00p.m. eastern time on October 12, 2005.	X		X	X				X	

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			
	The new 2006 HCPCS update is effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2006.	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			
	None.									

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: The January 2006 Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) will contain both the 2005 discontinued codes and the new 2006 codes. The next OCE release in 2006 will contain only the 2006 codes.

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

<p>Effective Date*: January 1, 2006</p> <p>Implementation Date: January 3, 2006</p> <p>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Vera A. Dillard (410)786-6149 for carrier claims processing issues and Antoinette Johnson (410) 786-9326 for fiscal intermediary claims processing issues.</p> <p>Post-Implementation Contact(s): Appropriate Regional Office</p>	<p>No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.</p>
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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT
Instructions for the Retrieval of the 2006 HCPCS
via CMS's Mainframe Telecommunications System
(Formerly Network Data Mover)

Listed below are the most common problems encountered when carriers/ intermediaries receive data via the mainframe telecommunications system:

- o Receipt was performed in interactive mode, rather than in batch. If transmission is performed interactively, it is impossible for the Division of Data Systems (DDS) to access the log to verify the transmission success/failure.

- o Omission or change of NEWNAME parameter. Omission of this parameter makes it extremely difficult and cumbersome for DDS to access the log to verify transmission success/failure. Make sure that the NEWNAME parameter equals HCPCS.

- o Omission or change of START parameter. This parameter establishes the starting time for the batch job. As stated earlier, transmission must occur during the evening hours. Setting the START to 20:00:00 hours assures that transmission will not commence prior to 8:00 p.m. eastern standard time.

NOTE: In order not to incur additional transmission line cost, transmission must occur during the evening hours, specifically after 8:00 p.m., eastern standard time.

The following is the JCL required for setting up a mainframe telecommunications system transmission of the 2006 HCPCS file from the CMS's Data Center.

```
//UID#HCPC JOB (ACCTNG),'NAME',MSGCLASS=A,CLASS=C,  
// MSGLEVEL=(1,1)  
//DMBATCH EXEC PGM=DMBATCH,REGION=512K,PARM=(YYSLYNN)  
//DMPUBLIB DD DSN= NDM.PROCESS.LIBRARY,DISP=SHR  
//DMMSGFIL DD DSN= NDM.MESSAGE.LIBRARY,DISP=SHR  
//DMNETMAP DD DSN= NDM.NETWORK.MAP,DISP=SHR  
//DMPRINT DD SYSOUT=*  
//NDMCMDS DD SYSOUT=*  
//SYSUDUMP DD SYSOUT=*  
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=*  
//SYSIN DD *  
SIGNON USERID=(NDM USERID) -  
NODE= NDM NODE ID -  
NETMAP= NDM NETWORK MAP  
SUBMIT DSN= PROCESS LIBRARY MEMBER -  
STARTT=(,20:00:00) -  
NEWNAME=HCPCS  
SIGNOFF
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/*

//

Prior to submitting this job, please supply the following parameters particular to your job site:

UID# = Your system User ID

ACCTNG = Accounting Information, if applicable

NAME = Programmer's Name

NDM.PROCESS.LIBRARY = NDM Process Library for your system

NDM.MESSAGE.LIBRARY = NDM Message Library for your system

NDM.NETWORK.MAP = NDM Network Map File for your system

NDM USERID = NDM User ID for your system

NDM NODE = NDM Node ID for your system

PROCESS LIBRARY MEMBER = Member where the code for the NDM COPY (see below) is stored

Place the following code in your process library. This code will be executed from within the mainframe telecommunications system to perform the copying of the 2006 HCPCS data from a file at the CMS's Data Center to a file at your processing site.

HCPCS PROCESS PNODE= NDM NODE -

SNODE=NDM.HCFA -

SNODEID=(TWXX, PASSWD) -

PACCT= 'ACCTNG' -

&DSN= DATASET NAME

STEP01 COPY -

FROM -

(DSN=CMS FILE

DISP=SHR -

SNODE) -

TO -

(DSN=&DSN -

DISP=(,CATLG,DELETE) -

UNIT= UNIT ID -

PNODE)

Supply the following parameters particular to your job site:

NDM NODE = NDM Node ID for your system

TWXX = NDM User ID for CMS's system

PASSWD = Password to access NDM at CMS

ACCTNG = Accounting Information (if required)

DATASET NAME = File to receive CMS data transmission

CMS FILE = P@HCP.@AAA2360.HCPC2006.CONTR (This is the 2006 HCPCS file comprised of procedure and modifier codes.)

= P@HCP.@AAA2360.HCPC2006.PRINT (This is the Print file of the 2006 HCPCS; a utility may be used to produce a printed copy of the HCPCS.)

UNIT ID = Unit Identifier for your system