



Addition of Repair Codes to the List of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes Payable Under the Instructions Provided in Change Requests (CRs) 6573 and 5917 – JA6914

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Contractors Affected

- Medicare Carriers
- A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)

Provider Types Affected Suppliers billing Medicare Carriers and A/B MACs for certain Durable Medical Equipment (DME) products provided to Medicare beneficiaries



Change Request (CR) 6914 augments previously issued CR6573 to indicate that DME, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) suppliers may bill separately for any of the repair codes listed below in addition to the HCPCS codes for replacement parts, accessories, and supplies for prosthetic implants, and surgically implanted DME previously communicated in Attachment A of CR6573.

Additional Separately Billable Repair Codes

Provider Needs to Know...

- The following table lists the additional separately billable repair codes issued within CR6914.
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Code	Description
K0739	REPAIR OR NON-ROUTINE SERVICE FOR DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN OXYGEN EQUIPMENT REQUIRING THE SKILL OF A TECHNICIAN, LABOR COMPONENT, PER 15 MINUTES
L7500	REPAIR OF PROSTHETIC DEVICE, HOURLY RATE
L7510	REPAIR OF PROSTHETIC DEVICE, REPAIR OR REPLACE MINOR PARTS
L7520	REPAIR PROSTHETIC DEVICE, LABOR COMPONENT, PER 15 MINUTES
L8627	COCHLEAR IMPLANT, EXTERNAL SPEECH PROCESSOR, COMPONENT, REPLACEMENT
L8628	COCHLEAR IMPLANT, EXTERNAL CONTROLLER COMPONENT, REPLACEMENT
L8629	TRANSMITTING COIL AND CABLE, INTEGRATED, FOR USE WITH COCHLEAR IMPLANT DEVICE
Q0506	BATTERY, LITHIUM-ION, FOR USE WITH ELECTRIC OR ELECTRIC/PNEUMATIC VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICE, REPLACEMENT ONLY

Medicare contractors will allow suppliers that are dually enrolled with the National Supplier Clearinghouse and with their local carrier or A/B MAC as DMEPOS suppliers to bill separately for any of the above listed DMEPOS repair codes as well as those codes included in Attachment A of CR6573 when billed under the guidelines established in CR5917 and CR6573, including items/services furnished to beneficiaries who reside in other states.

Background

In Attachment A of CR6573, CMS provided a revised list of the HCPCS codes that contractors were to use to determine the items that may be billed under the guidelines established in CR6573 and CR5917. It has since come to the attention of CMS that the HCPCS codes for separately billable DMEPOS repairs were not included in this attachment.

Operational Impact

Any claims submitted by DMEPOS suppliers for the separately billable repair codes listed in the above table with dates of service of January 1, 2010, through the implementation date of CR6914 (which is October 4, 2010 will be reprocessed by the provider's Medicare contractor), according to the guidelines established in CR5917 and CR6573.

Reference Materials

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM6914.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6914) regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R6950TN.pdf> on the CMS website.

CR5917 and CR6573 may be reviewed at
<http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1603CP.pdf>
<http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R531OTN.pdf> respectively on the CMS
website.

The related articles may be found at
<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM5917.pdf> and
<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM6573.pdf> on the CMS website.
