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SUBJECT: New Physician Specialty Code for Interventional Cardiology

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The intent of this CR is to create a new physician specialty code for Interventional Cardiology (C3) and a new non-physician specialty code for Restricted Use (C4). In addition to delete 'Clinical' from the description of specialty code 62, delete "Supplier" from the name of specialty code 88 and to change specialty code 95 to Unknown Supplier.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2015

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 5, 2015

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

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
R	26/10.8.2/Physician Specialty Codes
R	26/10.8.3/Non-Physician Specialty Codes

III. FUNDING:

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Business Requirements Manual Instruction

Attachment - Business Requirements

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- **A. Background:** Physicians self-designate their Medicare physician specialty on the Medicare enrollment application (CMS-855B, CMS-855I or CMS-855O) or Internet-based Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System when they enroll in the Medicare program. Non-physician practitioners are assigned a Medicare specialty code when they enroll. The specialty code becomes associated with the claims submitted by that physician or non-physician practitioner. Medicare physician/non-physician practitioner specialty codes describe the specific/unique types of medicine that physicians and non-physician practitioners (and certain other suppliers) practice. Specialty codes are used by CMS for programmatic and claims processing purposes.
- **B.** Policy: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has established a new physician specialty code for Interventional Cardiology (C3) and a new non-physician specialty code for Restricted Use (C4). In addition to the creation of the specialty code for Interventional Cardiology, CMS is updating the names associated to specialty codes 62, 88 and 95.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

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

Number	Requirement	Responsibility												
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8812 - 04.1	Contractors shall make all necessary changes to recognize and use the new physician specialty code C3 as a valid primary specialty code for Interventional Cardiology.		X				X			CROWD, PECOS				
8812 - 04.2	Contractors shall accept specialty code Interventional Cardiology - C3 as a secondary code.		X				X			CROWD, PECOS				
8812 - 04.3	The Provider Enrollment Chain of Ownership									PECOS				

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8812 - 04.4	Contractors shall make all necessary updates required to change specialty code 95 to Unknown Supplier.		X				X			CROWD, PECOS						
8812 - 04.5	Contractors shall make all necessary changes to delete 'Clinical' from the description of specialty code 62.		X				X			CROWD, PECOS						
8812 - 04.6	Contractors shall make all necessary changes to delete "Supplier" from the description of specialty code 88.		X				X			CROWD, PECOS						
8812 - 04.7	Contractors shall make all necessary changes to recognize and use the new non-physician specialty code C4 as a valid primary specialty code for Restricted Use.		X				X			CROWD, PECOS						
8812 - 04.8	MCS shall modify the HVSRPARC report so as to reflect Specialty Codes 65 and C1, as NPPs. The Totals lines, and respective counts, should be altered to reflect the following: Total Physicians; Total LLPs; Total NPPs; Total PHYs/LLPs/NPPs; Total Suppliers.						X									

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

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8812 - 04.9	MLN Article: A provider education article related to this instruction will be		X		X	
	available at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-					
	Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/ shortly after the CR is released. You will					

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	receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within one week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.					

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

[&]quot;Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref	Recommendations or other supporting information:
Requirement	
Number	

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)

VI. FUNDING

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ATTACHMENTS: 0

10.8.2 - Physician Specialty Codes (Rev.3073, Issued: 9-23-14, Effective: 01-01-15, Implementation: 01-05-15)

Code	Physician Specialty
01	General Practice
02	General Surgery
03	Allergy/Immunology
04	Otolaryngology
05	Anesthesiology
06	Cardiology
07	Dermatology
08	Family Practice
09	Interventional Pain Management
10	Gastroenterology
11	Internal Medicine
12	Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
13	Neurology
14	Neurosurgery
16	Obstetrics/Gynecology
17	Hospice and Palliative Care
18	Ophthalmology
19	Oral Surgery (dentists only)
20	Orthopedic Surgery
21	Cardiac Electrophysiology
22	Pathology
23	Sports Medicine
24	Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
25	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
26	Psychiatry
27	Geriatric Psychiatry
28	Colorectal Surgery (formerly proctology)
29	Pulmonary Disease
30	Diagnostic Radiology
33	Thoracic Surgery
34	Urology
35	Chiropractic
36	Nuclear Medicine

Code	Physician Specialty
37	Pediatric Medicine
38	Geriatric Medicine
39	Nephrology
40	Hand Surgery
41	Optometry
44	Infectious Disease
46	Endocrinology
48	Podiatry
66	Rheumatology
70	Single or Multispecialty Clinic or Group Practice
72	Pain Management
76	Peripheral Vascular Disease
77	Vascular Surgery
78	Cardiac Surgery
79	Addiction Medicine
81	Critical Care (Intensivists)
82	Hematology
83	Hematology/Oncology
84	Preventive Medicine
85	Maxillofacial Surgery
86	Neuropsychiatry
90	Medical Oncology
91	Surgical Oncology
92	Radiation Oncology
93	Emergency Medicine
94	Interventional Radiology
98	Gynecological/Oncology
99	Unknown Physician Specialty
C0	Sleep Medicine
<i>C3</i>	Interventional Cardiology

10.8.3 - Nonphysician Practitioner, Supplier, and Provider Specialty Codes

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The following list of 2-digit codes and narrative describe the kind of medicine non-physician practitioners or other healthcare providers/suppliers practice.

Code	Non-physician Practitioner/Supplier/Provider Specialty
15	Speech Language Pathologists
31	Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation
32	Anesthesiologist Assistant
42	Certified Nurse Midwife (effective July 1, 1988)
43	Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)
45	Mammography Screening Center
47	Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility (IDTF)
49	Ambulatory Surgical Center
50	Nurse Practitioner
51	Medical supply company with orthotic personnel certified by an accrediting organization
52	Medical supply company with prosthetic personnel certified by an accrediting organization
53	Medical supply company with prosthetic/orthotic personnel certified by an accrediting organization
54	Medical supply company not included in 51, 52, or 53
55	Individual orthotic personnel certified by an accrediting organization
56	Individual prosthetic personnel certified by an accrediting organization
57	Individual prosthetic/orthotic personnel certified by an accrediting organization
58	Medical Supply Company with registered pharmacist
59	Ambulance Service Supplier, e.g., private ambulance companies, funeral homes
60	Public Health or Welfare Agencies (Federal, State, and local)
61	Voluntary Health or Charitable Agencies (e.g., National Cancer Society, National Heart Association, Catholic Charities)
62	Psychologist (Billing Independently)
63	Portable X-Ray Supplier (Billing Independently)
64	Audiologist (Billing Independently)
65	Physical Therapist in Private Practice
67	Occupational Therapist in Private Practice
68	Clinical Psychologist
69	Clinical Laboratory (Billing Independently)
71	Registered Dietician/Nutrition Professional
73	Mass Immunization Roster Billers (Mass Immunizers have to roster bill assigned claims and can only bill for immunizations)
74	Radiation Therapy Centers
75	Slide Preparation Facilities
80	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
87	All other suppliers, e.g., Drug Stores
88	Unknown Provider
89	Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist
95	Unknown Supplier
96	Optician
97	Physician Assistant

Code	Non-physician Practitioner/Supplier/Provider Specialty
A0	Hospital
A1	Skilled Nursing Facility
A2	Intermediate Care Nursing Facility
A3	Nursing Facility, Other
A4	Home Health Agency
A5	Pharmacy
A6	Medical Supply Company with Respiratory Therapist
A7	Department Store
A8	Grocery Store
B2	Pedorthic Personnel
В3	Medical Supply Company with Pedorthic Personnel
B4	Rehabilitation Agency
B5	Ocularist
C1	Centralized Flu
C2	Indirect Payment Procedure
<i>C4</i>	Restricted Use

NOTE: Specialty Code Use for Service in an Independent Laboratory. For services performed in an independent laboratory, show the specialty code of the physician ordering the x-rays and requesting payment. If the independent laboratory requests payment, use type of supplier code "69".