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**SUBJECT: Clarification of C-Codes Reportable Under the Hospital Outpatient
Prospective Payment System (OPPS)**

This Program Memorandum (PM) provides clarification regarding the C-codes listed in pages 13 - 16 of Transmittal A-00-42, CR 1259, dated July 26, 2000. It has come to our attention that several contractors have erroneously deleted specific C-codes identified in Transmittal A-00-42 from their internal systems. Transmittal A-00-42 contained long descriptors of devices with two effective dates. This approach of coding pass-through devices was intended as a temporary measure.

The C-codes in the left column on pages 13 - 16 of Transmittal A-00-42 were assigned with effective dates of August 1, 2000 to September 30, 2000, and the C-codes in the right column were assigned an effective date of October 1, 2000. However, the C-codes identified in the left column with effective dates of August 1, 2000 to September 30, 2000, are also assigned to specific devices listed in pages 2 - 7 of Transmittal A-00-42. Therefore, these codes should not be deleted. These are reportable HCPCS codes under the hospital OPPS. The only change that was made to these C-codes was to modify their associated long descriptors to reflect the specific devices to which they are assigned.

Below is a list of the C-codes identified in the left column on pages 13 - 16 of Transmittal A-00-42 that are reportable under the hospital OPPS. Refer to the hospital OPPS interim final rule published in the *Federal Register* on November 13, 2000 (65 FR 67953 - 67962), for the short descriptor associated with each C-code.

C1007	C1040	C1153	C1324
C1025	C1042	C1155	C1326
C1026	C1043	C1158	C1328
C1027	C1069	C1162	C1333
C1028	C1078	C1170	C1335
C1030	C1100	C1173	C1336
C1033	C1104	C1174	C1352
C1034	C1112	C1306	C1359
C1036	C1132	C1318	
C1039	C1145	C1319	

Do not search for previously adjudicated claims. However, reopen and reprocess claims brought to your attention.

The *effective* date of this PM is August 1, 2000.

The *implementation* date of this PM is December 29, 2000.

This PM should be discarded after December 29, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

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