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I. Background

In FR Doc. 02-32503 of December 31, 2002 (67 FR 79966), there were a number of technical errors that are identified and corrected in the Correction of Errors section below. Additionally there are various revisions to Addenda B, C, D and E. The provisions in this correction notice are effective as if they had been included in the document published December 31, 2002.

Discussion of Addenda B, C, D and E

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7. We are revising the title of Addendum E that appeared on the top of every column from page 80172 through page 80174, to read as follows: "Updated List of CPT¹/HCPCS Codes Used to Define Certain Designated Health Services Under the Physician Self-Referral Prohibition (Section 1877 of the Act)." We are also correcting a number of typographical errors. On page 80172, in the second column, the last word in the second subheading concerning HCPCS level 2 codes for

physical therapy/occupational therapy/speech-language pathology services is corrected to read "services". On page 80173, in the third column, the description of CPT codes 93320 and 93321 is corrected to include a dash between CPT codes 93303 and 93308. On page 80174, in the first column, the description of CPT code 93325 is corrected to include a dash between 93303 and 93308. Also on page 80174, in the third column, under the first subheading, the description of CPT code 90657 is corrected to read "Flu vaccine, 6-35 mo, im."

Also in Addendum E, we erroneously included or excluded certain codes. On page 80172, in the first column, we erroneously included HCPCS codes P2031 and P7001 as clinical laboratory services. We are removing these codes and their descriptors, because they are not payable by Medicare and therefore are not designated health services. On page 80172, in the second column, we inadvertently omitted CPT code 92597. This code is now covered as a speech-pathology service under Medicare and, thus, is being added as a designated health service. Also on page 80172, in the second column, we included CPT 0019T as a physical therapy service. Consistent with changes made elsewhere in this correction notice, we are removing CPT code 0019T and its descriptor because it is no longer

valid for Medicare purposes. On page 80174, in the third column under the first subheading, we incorrectly included CPT code 90748 and HCPCS codes Q3021, Q3022, and Q3023 as vaccines to which the physician self-referral prohibition does not apply if certain conditions are satisfied. We are removing CPT code 90748 and its descriptor because it is no longer valid for Medicare purposes. We are removing HCPCS codes Q3021, Q3022 and Q3023 and their descriptors, as these codes have been discontinued. Because CPT codes 90740, 90743, 90744, 90746 and 90747 were reactivated to replace HCPCS codes Q3021-23, we are adding in numeric order CPT codes 90740, 90743, 90744, 90746 and 90747 and their descriptors in place of the removed Q codes.

Lastly, we note that on page 80172 in the third column, we included HCPCS code G0281 as a physical therapy service. In accordance with the Medicare Program Memorandum Transmittal B-03-001 issued on January 17, 2003, Medicare coverage for this service will not begin until April 1, 2003. Although this effective date differs from the March 1, 2003 effective date for the rest of the codes that appear in Addendum E, we have left the code on the list because it is a designated health service subject to the physician self-referral prohibition. Because payment

cannot be made before April 1, 2003, there are no self-referral implications until that date.

The corrections to Addendum E are shown in correction numbers 18 and 19 to follow.

II. Correction of Errors

Correction of Errors

In FR Doc. 02-32503 of December 31, 2002 (67 FR 79966), make the following corrections:

1. On page 79966, in column three, in the Comment date section, the seventh sentence is revised as follows to correct the referenced table number: "... identified in Table 9, the interim work..."

2. On page 79969, in column two in section E, "Delay in Effective Date", the last sentence is revised as follows to correct the effective date: "... March 1, 2003..."

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6. On page 80016, in the second paragraph of the second column, the phrase "for January 1, 2003" is revised to read "March 1, 2003."

7. On page 80017, Table 9—"Additions and Deletions to the Physician Self-Referral Codes" is amended as follows:

- a. Under the title, the subheading "HCPCS" is corrected to read "HCPCS/CPT¹" and the

subheading "CPT¹/Descriptor" is corrected to read "Descriptor".

- b. Under the subheading "Additions," CPT code 0019T and HCPCS codes Q3021, Q3022 and Q3023 and their descriptors are removed and the following CPT codes and their descriptors are added in numeric order:

90740 Hepb vacc, ill pat 3 dose im

90743 Hep b vacc, adol, 2 dose, im

92597 Oral speech device eval

- c. Under the subheading "Deletions," CPT codes 90744, 90746 and 90747 and their corresponding descriptors are removed and CPT code 90748 and its descriptor "Hep b/hib vaccine, im" is added in numeric order.

- 8. On page 80018, Table 9 is amended as follows:

- a. Under the title, the subheading "HCPCS" is corrected to read "HCPCS/CPT¹" and the subheading "CPT¹/Descriptor" is corrected to read "Descriptor".

- b. HCPCS codes P2031 "Hair analysis" and P7001 "Culture bacterial urine" are added in alphanumeric order.

- c. In the footnote to Table 9, the words
"copyrighted in the" are corrected to read
"copyright".

9. On page 80018, the first column after Table 9 is amended as follows:

- a. The first sentence is revised to read: The
"Additions" section of Table 9 generally reflects
changes to the lists of designated health services
to conform them to the most recent publications of
CPT and HCPCS codes."
- b. In the second sentence of the first paragraph: the
first 2 words of the sentence are removed and
replaced with, "One"; and, "0019T," is removed.
- c. In the third sentence of the first paragraph, the
phrase "while CPT codes 0019T and 0020T are
therapy codes" is revised to read, "while CPT code
0020T is a therapy code."
- d. In the second paragraph that continues into column
two, the beginning of the third sentence through
the parenthetical phrase "(Q3021, Q3022 and
Q3023)" is revised to read, "Table 9 also
reflects the addition of 2 vaccine codes (CPT
90740 and 90743)".

10. On page 80018, the second column is amended as follows:

- a. At the end of the partial paragraph at the top of the column, the following sentence is added:
"CPT codes 90740 and 90743 were inadvertently omitted from prior years' lists of codes identifying the preventive screening tests, immunizations, and vaccines that may qualify for this exception."
- b. The first sentence of the first full paragraph is revised to read, "The "Deletions" section of Table 9 generally reflects changes necessary to conform the code list to the most recent publications of CPT and HCPCS codes."
- c. The second sentence of the first full paragraph is revised by adding the word "also," after the word "We."

11. On page 80018, in the second column, following the first full paragraph, a new paragraph is added to read as follows:

"We are deleting CPT code 90748 ("Hep b/hib vaccine, im") and HCPCS codes P2031 ("Hair analysis") and P7001 ("Culture bacteria urine"). CPT code 90748 is

not valid for Medicare purposes. HCPCS codes P2031 and P7001 are not payable by Medicare.”

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Addendum E [Corrected]

18. In Addendum E, the following CPT codes and their descriptors are added:

PHYSICAL THERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY

92597 Oral speech device eval

PREVENTIVE SCREENING TESTS, IMMUNIZATIONS AND VACCINES

90740 Hepb vacc, ill pat 3 dose im

90743 Hep b vacc, adol, 2 dose, im

90744 Hepb vacc ped/adol 3 dose im

90746 Hep b vaccine, adult, im

90747 Hepb vacc, ill pat 4 dose im

19. In Addendum E, the following CPT and HCPCS codes and their descriptors are removed:

CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES

P2031 Hair analysis

P7001 Culture bacterial urine

PHYSICAL THERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY

0019T Extracorp shock wave tx, ms

PREVENTIVE SCREENING TESTS, IMMUNIZATIONS AND VACCINES

90748 Hep b/hib vaccine, im

Q3021 Ped hepatitis b vaccine inj

Q3022 Hepatitis b vaccine adult ds

Q3023 Injection hepatitis Bvaccine

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