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I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This instruction requires the DMERCs to forward the “WW” HCPCS code to the common working file (CWF) and the national claims history file (NCHF) in order for oral anti-cancer drugs to be accurately captured and reported at the HCPCS level in the national claims history file.

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2004

***IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 1, 2004**

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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:**

These instructions shall be implemented within your current operating budget.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

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

***Medicare contractors only**

One-Time Special Notification

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SUBJECT: Transfer of “WW” Codes for Oral Anti-Cancer Drugs Billed Using National Drug Codes (NDCs) on Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carrier (DMERC) Claims

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background:

Currently, only oral anti-cancer drugs are reported on the claim using a National Drug Code (NDC). (In the future, all drugs billed by pharmacies will be reported using NDC). Currently, the Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) use “WW” HCPCS codes to internally process oral anti-cancer drugs claims they receive. Currently, the “WW” HCPCS codes are used for internal DMERC claims processing only.

B. Policy:

This instruction requires the DMERCs to forward the “WW” HCPCS code to the common working file (CWF) and the national claims history file (NCHF) in order for oral anti-cancer drugs to be accurately captured and reported at the HCPCS level in the national claims history file.

C. Provider Education: None.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

“Shall” denotes a mandatory requirement

“Should” denotes an optional requirement

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
2863.1	DMERCs shall forward on claims for oral anti-cancer drugs both the “WW” HCPCS code and NDC to the national claims history file and the common working file.	DMERCs, CWF
2863.2	CWF shall capture the “WW” HCPCS code from claims for oral anti-cancer drugs submitted to the DMERCs.	CWF
2863.3	CWF shall not reject the “WW” codes.	CWF
2863.4	The “WW” HCPCS shall be reported on the line item in the HCPCS field for each NDC on the claim.	DMERCs, CWF

III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION & POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions:

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions
	N/A

B. Design Considerations:

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements
	N/A

C. Interfaces: N/A

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

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

IV. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

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