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# CMS Manual System

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CHANGE REQUEST 3188

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** Carriers and DMERCs must obtain the Health Care Provider Taxonomy Code list Version 4.0 and use it to update their internal HPTC tables.

The summary of changes for Version 4.0 is as follows:

- Provider Taxonomy Value: **208VP0000X**  
Revision: Modified title from *Pain Management* to *Pain Medicine* and added definition
- Provider Taxonomy Value: **106H00000X**  
Revision: Modified definition
- Provider Taxonomy Value: **207VM0101X**  
Revision: Added definition

**NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE: May 17, 2004**

**\*IMPLEMENTATION DATE: May 17, 2004**

### II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:

(R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED, N/A = if manual not updated)

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
N/A	

### \*III. FUNDING:

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

### IV. ATTACHMENTS:

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

\*Medicare contractors only

# Attachment-One-Time Notification

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**SUBJECT: Update to the Healthcare Provider taxonomy Codes (HPTC) Version 4.0**

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** The Provider Taxonomy code set is an external non-medical data code set designed for use in classifying health care providers according to provider type or practitioner specialty in an electronic environment, specifically within the American National Standards Institute Accredited Standards Committee health care transaction. The HPTC's are scheduled for update twice per year (April and October). The HPTC code list is available from the Washington Publishing Company <http://www.wpc-edi.com/codes> in two forms. The first form is a free Adobe PDF download. The second form, available for purchase, is an electronic representation of the list, which will facilitate the automatic loading of the code set.

**B. Policy:** The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act requires that submitted data, which is part of a named code set, be valid data from that code set. Claims accepted with invalid data are non-compliant. Because health care provider taxonomy is a named code set in the 837 Professional implementation guide, contractors must validate the inbound taxonomy codes against their internal HPTC tables.

**C. Provider Education:** A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters> shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "medlearn matters" listserv. Intermediaries and carriers (including DMERCs) shall post this article or a direct link to this article on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within one week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the intermediaries and carriers' (including DMERCs) education article must be included in their next regularly scheduled bulletin.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement*

*"Should" denotes an optional requirement*

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
3188.1	You shall use the most cost effective means to obtain the Version 4.0 HPTC list and update your HPTC tables as necessary.	Carrier and DMERCs

### III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION & POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

#### A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

#### B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

#### 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

<b>Effective Date: May 17, 2004</b> <b>Implementation Date: May 17, 2004</b> <b>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Brian Reitz, 410-786-5001, breitz@cms.hhs.gov</b> <b>Post-Implementation Contact(s): Brian Reitz, 410-786-5001, breitz@cms.hhs.gov</b>	<b>These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.</b>
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