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# Program Memorandum Intermediaries

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## CHANGE REQUEST 2409

**SUBJECT: Special Handling of New “K” Codes K0556, K0557, K0558, and K0559**

It has come to our attention that the new replacement orthotic/prosthetic “K” codes for the discontinued “L” codes listed below will not be recognized until a change is made in the OCE for the January 2003 release, even though they were effective October 1, 2002. The “L” codes that were replaced by the “K” codes are L5660, L5662, L5663, and L5664.

Since there is a grace period for the discontinued “L” codes, advise your providers to continue to bill the “L” codes for the period October 1 through December 31, 2002, and not to begin using the “K” codes. If claims containing the replacement “K” codes are submitted they will be rejected by the October OCE with edit reason code 06, “Invalid Procedure Code”, and the claim will be returned to the provider. Once the January 2003 OCE is implemented, providers must start billing with the replacement “K” codes.

Post a notice on your Web site regarding this information, as soon as possible. In addition, advise your professional relations staff of this information.

**The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is October 1, 2002.**

**The *implementation date* for this PM is October 31, 2002.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after October 1, 2003.**

**If you have any questions, contact the appropriate regional office.**