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SUBJECT: Procedures Subject to Home Health Consolidated Billing

Update Process to List of Codes

With the publication of Program Memorandum (PM) AB-01-65 in April 2001, CMS established the process of periodically updating the lists of HCPCS codes which are subject to the consolidated billing provision of the Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS). That instruction indicated the lists would be updated annually, in conjunction with the overall annual HCPCS code set update.

CMS has determined that more frequent updates of the HH consolidated billing code lists are necessary. This is to reflect the creation of temporary HCPCS codes ('K' codes) throughout the course of a year which may describe services subject to consolidated billing. For example, such codes may be created at the request of Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) to reflect new technologies or clarify coding in support of local medical review policies. To account for any mid-year coding changes, CMS will update the HH consolidated billing code lists as frequently as quarterly. Some quarters there may be no update, if no new codes need to be reflected. As with previous updates, the new coding identified in each update will describe the same services which were used to determine the HH PPS payment rates. No additional services which are not reflected in the HH PPS rates will be added by these updates.

Current Update

The current update is to reflect a new set of 'K' codes for ostomy supplies which were published in PM AB-02-001. The following new 'K' codes replace codes currently on the HH consolidated billing code list. Note that each two new codes in the list below replace the same deleted code.

New Code and Description

K0561: Non-pectin based ostomy paste
K0562: Pectin based ostomy paste
K0563: Ext wear ost skn barr <4sq"
K0564: Ext wear ost skn barr >4sq"
K0565: Ost skn barr w flng <4sq"
K0566: Ost skn barr w flng >4sq"
K0567: 1 pc drainable ost pouch
K0568: 1 pc cnvx drainabl ost pouch
K0570: Ostomy skn barr w flng <4sq"
K0571: Ostomy skn barr w flng >4sq"

Deleted Code and Description

A4370: Skin barrier paste per oz
A4370: Skin barrier paste per oz
A4374: Skin barrier extended wear
A4374: Skin barrier extended wear
A4386: Ost skn barrier w flng ex wr
A4386: Ost skn barrier w flng ex wr
A5061: Pouch drainable w barrier at
A5061: Pouch drainable w barrier at
A5123: Skin barrier with flange
A5123: Skin barrier with flange

The following new 'K' codes are added to the HH consolidated billing code list, without a replacement.

K0569: 2 pc drainable ost pouch
K0574: Ostomy pouch filter
K0575: Ost pouch rustle free mat

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K0576: Ostomy pouch comfort panel
K0577: Ostomy pouch odor barrier
K0578: Urinary pouch faucet/drain
K0579: Ost pouch absorbent material
K0580: Ost pouch locking flange

CMS has determined that the following codes which were published in PM AB-02-001 are **not** subject to HH consolidated billing.

K0572 Non-waterproof tape
K0573 Waterproof tape

The attachment is the resulting list of 207 non-routine supply codes that replaces the previous list of 194. The list of 194 codes was published in PM AB-01-65 and modified by PM AB-01-128.

The list of 69 therapy codes that are subject to HH consolidated billing is unaffected by this update. These codes were also published in PM AB-01-65

Contractor Requirements

As of October 1, 2002:

All CWF edits that enforce the consolidating billing of supplies during a HH episode of care must be revised to reflect the code changes listed above.

DMERCs must educate suppliers that these procedure codes, when billed during a HH episode, are subject to HH consolidated billing.

Intermediaries and local carriers must provide notice of these changes to their providers for the providers' information, since HH consolidated billing supply edits are applied only to DMERC claims.

In the absence of fourth quarter bulletins, provider education should be accomplished via contractor websites and any regularly scheduled seminars.

Attachment

The *effective date* for this PM is October 1, 2002.

The *implementation date* for this PM is October 1, 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 your Regional Office.

ATTACHMENT
207 Non-Routine Supply Codes

A4212 Non coring needle or stylet
A4310 Insert tray w/o bag/cath
A4311 Catheter w/o bag 2-way latex
A4312 Cath w/o bag 2-way silicone
A4313 Catheter w/bag 3-way
A4314 Cath w/drainage 2-way latex
A4315 Cath w/drainage 2-way silicone
A4316 Cath w/drainage 3-way
A4319 Sterile H2O irrigation solution
A4320 Irrigation tray
A4321 Cath therapeutic irrig agent
A4322 Irrigation syringe
A4323 Saline irrigation solution
A4324 Male ext cath w/adh coating
A4325 Male ext cath w/adh strip
A4326 Male external catheter
A4327 Fem urinary collect dev cup
A4328 Fem urinary collect pouch
A4330 Stool collection pouch
A4331 Extension drainage tubing
A4332 Lubricant for cath insertion
A4333 Urinary cath anchor device
A4334 Urinary cath leg strap
A4335 Incontinence supply
A4338 Indwelling catheter latex
A4340 Indwelling catheter special
A4344 Cath indw foley 2 way silicone
A4346 Cath indw foley 3 way
A4347 Male external catheter
A4348 Male ext cath extended wear
A4351 Straight tip urine catheter
A4352 Coude tip urinary catheter
A4353 Intermittent urinary cath
A4354 Cath insertion tray w/bag
A4355 Bladder irrigation tubing
A4356 Ext ureth clamp or compr dvc
A4357 Bedside drainage bag
A4358 Urinary leg bag
A4359 Urinary suspensory w/o leg b
A4361 Ostomy face plate
A4362 Solid skin barrier
A4364 Liq adhes for facial prosth
A4365 Adhesive remover wipes
A4367 Ostomy belt
A4368 Ostomy filter
A4369 Skin barrier liquid per oz

A4371 Skin barrier powder per oz
A4372 Skin barrier solid 4x4 equiv
A4373 Skin barrier with flange
A4375 Drainable plastic pch w fcpl
A4376 Drainable rubber pch w fcpl
A4377 Drainable plstic pch w/o fp
A4378 Drainable rubber pch w/o fp
A4379 Urinary plastic pouch w fcpl
A4380 Urinary rubber pouch w fcpl
A4381 Urinary plastic pouch w/o fp
A4382 Urinary hvy plstc pch w/o fp
A4383 Urinary rubber pouch w/o fp
A4384 Ostomy faceplt/silicone ring
A4385 Ost skn barrier sld ext wear
A4387 Ost clsd pouch w att st barr
A4388 Drainable pch w ex wear barr
A4389 Drainable pch w st wear barr
A4390 Drainable pch ex wear convex
A4391 Urinary pouch w ex wear barr
A4392 Urinary pouch w st wear barr
A4393 Urine pch w ex wear bar conv
A4394 Ostomy pouch liq deodorant
A4395 Ostomy pouch solid deodorant
A4396 Peristomal hernia supprt blt
A4397 Irrigation supply sleeve
A4398 Ostomy irrigation bag
A4399 Ostomy irrig cone/cath w brs
A4400 Ostomy irrigation set
A4402 Lubricant per ounce
A4404 Ostomy ring each
A4421 Ostomy supply misc
A4455 Adhesive remover per ounce
A4460 Elastic compression bandage
A4462 Abdmnl drsng holder/binder
A4481 Tracheostoma filter
A4622 Tracheostomy or larngectomy
A4623 Tracheostomy inner cannula
A4625 Trach care kit for new trach
A4626 Tracheostomy cleaning brush
A4649 Surgical supplies
A5051 Pouch clsd w barr attached
A5052 Clsd ostomy pouch w/o barr
A5053 Clsd ostomy pouch faceplate
A5054 Clsd ostomy pouch w/flange
A5055 Stoma cap
A5062 Drnble ostomy pouch w/o barr
A5063 Drain ostomy pouch w/flange
A5071 Urinary pouch w/barrier
A5072 Urinary pouch w/o barrier

A5073 Urinary pouch on barr w/flng
A5081 Continent stoma plug
A5082 Continent stoma catheter
A5093 Ostomy accessory convex inse
A5102 Bedside drain btl w/wo tube
A5105 Urinary suspensory
A5112 Urinary leg bag
A5113 Latex leg strap
A5114 Foam/fabric leg strap
A5119 Skin barrier wipes box pr 50
A5121 Solid skin barrier 6x6
A5122 Solid skin barrier 8x8
A5126 Disk/foam pad +or- adhesive
A5131 Appliance cleaner
A6010 Collagen based wound filler, dry foam
A6020 Collage wound dressing
A6021 Collagen dressing <=16 sq in
A6022 Collagen drsg>6<=48 sq in
A6023 Collagen dressing >48 sq in
A6024 Collagen dsq wound filler
A6154 Wound pouch each
A6196 Alginate dressing <=16 sq in
A6197 Alginate drsg >16 <=48 sq in
A6198 alginate dressing > 48 sq in
A6199 Alginate drsg wound filler
A6200 Compos drsg <=16 no border
A6201 Compos drsg >16<=48 no bdr
A6202 Compos drsg >48 no border
A6203 Composite drsg <= 16 sq in
A6204 Composite drsg >16<=48 sq in
A6205 Composite drsg > 48 sq in
A6206 Contact layer <= 16 sq in
A6207 Contact layer >16<= 48 sq in
A6208 Contact layer > 48 sq in
A6209 Foam drsg <=16 sq in w/o bdr
A6210 Foam drg >16<=48 sq in w/o b
A6211 Foam drg > 48 sq in w/o brdr
A6212 Foam drg <=16 sq in w/border
A6213 Foam drg >16<=48 sq in w/bdr
A6214 Foam drg > 48 sq in w/border
A6215 Foam dressing wound filler
A6219 Gauze <= 16 sq in w/border
A6220 Gauze >16 <=48 sq in w/bordr
A6221 Gauze > 48 sq in w/border
A6222 Gauze <=16 in no w/sal w/o b
A6223 Gauze >16<=48 no w/sal w/o b
A6224 Gauze > 48 in no w/sal w/o b
A6228 Gauze <= 16 sq in water/sal
A6229 Gauze >16<=48 sq in watr/sal

A6230 Gauze > 48 sq in water/saline
 A6231 Hydrogel drg<=16 sq in
 A6232 Hydrogel drg>16<=48 sq in
 A6233 Hydrogel dressing >48 sq in
 A6234 Hydrocolld drg <=16 w/o bdr
 A6235 Hydrocolld drg >16<=48 w/o b
 A6236 Hydrocolld drg > 48 in w/o b
 A6237 Hydrocolld drg <=16 in w/bdr
 A6238 Hydrocolld drg >16<=48 w/bdr
 A6239 Hydrocolld drg > 48 in w/bdr
 A6240 Hydrocolld drg filler paste
 A6241 Hydrocolloid drg filler dry
 A6242 Hydrogel drg <=16 in w/o bdr
 A6243 Hydrogel drg >16<=48 w/o bdr
 A6244 Hydrogel drg >48 in w/o bdr
 A6245 Hydrogel drg <= 16 in w/bdr
 A6246 Hydrogel drg >16<=48 in w/b
 A6247 Hydrogel drg > 48 sq in w/b
 A6248 Hydrogel drsg gel filler
 A6251 Absorpt drg <=16 sq in w/o b
 A6252 Absorpt drg >16 <=48 w/o bdr
 A6253 Absorpt drg > 48 sq in w/o b
 A6254 Absorpt drg <=16 sq in w/bdr
 A6255 Absorpt drg >16<=48 in w/bdr
 A6256 Absorpt drg > 48 sq in w/bdr
 A6257 Transparent film <= 16 sq in
 A6258 Transparent film >16<=48 in
 A6259 Transparent film > 48 sq in
 A6261 Wound filler gel/paste /oz
 A6262 Wound filler dry form / gram
 A6266 Impreg gauze no h20/sal/yard
 A6402 Sterile gauze <= 16 sq in
 A6403 Sterile gauze>16 <= 48 sq in
 A6404 Sterile gauze > 48 sq in
 A6405 Sterile elastic gauze /yd
 A6406 Sterile non-elastic gauze/yd
 A7501 Tracheostoma valve w diaphra
 A7502 Replacement diaphragm/fplate
 A7503 HMES filter holder or cap
 A7504 Tracheostoma HMES filter
 A7505 HMES or trach valve housing
 A7506 HMES/trachvalve adhesivedisk
 A7507 Integrated filter & holder
 A7508 Housing & Integrated Adhesiv
 A7509 Heat & moisture exchange sys
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