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Section 4622, Responsibility to Download and Implement Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedules, is added to include language instructing DMERCs and local carriers to download and implement fee schedules for DMEPOS items in the Medicare Carriers Manual.

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

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(c) purchase new

RAD

(c) conversion factors

**NOTE:** HCPCS codes are not necessary for radiology.

PRF

(c) fee schedule amount

CNA

(c) conversion factor - medically directed CRNA services

(d) conversion factor - non-medically directed CRNA services

**4622. RESPONSIBILITY TO DOWNLOAD AND IMPLEMENT DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, PROSTHETICS, ORTHOTICS, AND SUPPLIES (DMEPOS) FEE SCHEDULES**

The durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs) and local carriers have a responsibility to download and implement the DMEPOS fee schedules for the items and services that they have jurisdiction over. HCFA releases new fee schedules on an annual basis, with updates being issued quarterly, if needed. HCFA will issue instructions for downloading and implementing fee schedule updates in the form of a Program Memorandum (PM) for each update. Central office (CO) will issue annual PMs describing the maintenance process for each year. These PMs will give carriers and DMERCs the due date for suggested changes to be forwarded to CO. The PMs will also list the date the release will be made available, and an implementation date for each release.

DMERCs must forward the DMEPOS fee schedule to Medicaid State agencies.