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CHANGE REQUEST 1318

This is an update to Program Memorandum A-00-48, CR 1304, dated August 3, 2000.

SUBJECT: Q Codes For Use Under the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

Under OPPS, hospitals will receive pass-through payments, in addition to payments under the appropriate ambulatory payment classifications (APCs), for eligible drugs, biologicals, and devices. Hospitals will also receive payment for certain items and services under the new technology APCs established under OPPS. Transmittal No. A-00-42, dated July 2000, provided coding information related to items eligible for pass-through payments and payment under the new technology APCs, as well as other coding information related to OPPS. The Program Memorandum (PM) included a list of new HCPCS codes, and their associated long descriptors, that hospitals will use when billing eligible drugs, biologicals, devices and new technology APCs under OPPS. The Outpatient Code Editor and PRICER currently contain these codes.

On August 3, 2000, Transmittal No. A-00-48, CR 1304, was published which indicated the file name that contains the codes that are effective August 1, 2000. However, 31 Q codes were inadvertently not included in this file. The following file contains those 31 Q codes and is available for immediate retrieval via HCFA's mainframe telecommunication system under the following file name:

> Data MU00.@AAA2360.HCPC08QQ.CONTR
> Print MU00.@AAA2360.HCPC08QQ.PRINT

This file contains codes that are effective August 1, 2000 and are to be implemented August 14, 2000. Therefore, fiscal intermediaries must retrieve this information and add the HCPCS file in your internal claims processing system.

The *effective date* for this PM is August 1, 2000.

The *implementation date* for this PM is August 14, 2000.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after October 1, 2001.

If you have any questions, contact your local regional office.

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