
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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CHANGE REQUEST 1416

SUBJECT: Update of Codes and Payments for Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)

This program memorandum (PM) provides a facility fee payment for medical procedures when they are performed in Medicare certified ASCs.

This PM has two basic parts. The first, in keeping with our practice of providing continued coverage for procedures the Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) deletes and replaces in their annual coding revisions, is to list such changes that become effective January 1, 2001.

The second part concerns the addition of codes to the ASC list that replaced codes previously covered but subsequently deleted by CPT effective January 1, 2000. These coding changes are in addition to those included in Transmittal Number AB-00-28, Change Request 1145 issued May 2000. For reasons not apparent, however, the codes identified below were not officially released as replacement codes in the year 2000 CPT edition. The matter of these codes has been brought to our attention and, upon careful review by our medical staff, we have determined that these codes did indeed replace services that were previously covered by ASC listed procedures before January 1, 2000. We are now adding these procedures to our ASC list, and the effective date of coverage for these codes is January 1, 2000.

Effective for services performed on or after January 1, 2000 the following CPT codes are covered: 62263, 64470, 64472, 64479, 64480, 64483, 64484, 64626 and 64627. These codes are all paid under payment group 1.

Effective for services performed on or after January 1, 2001:

Deleted Code	Replaced Code	Payment Group
52335	52351	3
52336	52352	4
52337	52353	4
52338	52354	4
52340	52400	3

As stated above, this PM has two effective dates. Apply this policy to claims with dates of service on or after the above stated dates and re-open denied claims when brought to your attention.

The effective dates for this Program Memorandum (PM) are January 1, 2000 and January 1, 2001.

The implementation date for this PM is January 1, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after December 31, 2001.

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