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# CMS Manual System

## Pub. 100-20 One-Time Notification

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**CHANGE REQUEST 3187**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** This One-Time Notification provides additional instructions for making Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System changes for low osmolar contrast material.

**NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2004**

**\*IMPLEMENTATION DATE: May 24, 2004**

**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: N/A**  
(R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED)

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
N/A	

**\*III. FUNDING:**

These instructions shall be implemented within your current operating budget.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

	Business Requirements
	Manual Instruction
	Confidential Requirements
X	One-Time Notification
	Recurring Update Notification

**\*Medicare contractors only**

## Attachment - One-Time Notification

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**SUBJECT: Emergency Correction Regarding Correction to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes for Low Osmolar Contrast Material**

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### A. Background:

A One-Time Notification (Change Request 3053) issued on January 23, 2004, provided instructions regarding the reinstatement of HCPCS codes A4644 thru A4646 and the change in status of code A9525 to not payable by Medicare. The effective date for these changes was stated to be April 1, 2004. This was a mistake. The changes are to be made retroactive to January 1, 2004.

Change Request 3128 was issued on February 20, 2004, and provided instructions for updating the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database. Status indicator E was assigned to codes A4644 thru A4646 and status indicator I was assigned to code A9525. The effective date for these changes was stated to be January 1, 2004. This is correct.

#### B. Policy:

Codes A4644 thru A4646 have been reinstated in the HCPCS. Code A9525 is not payable by Medicare. These changes are effective January 1, 2004.

#### C. Provider Education:

A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at [www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters) shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "medlearn matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within one week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article must be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin.

### II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement*

*"Should" denotes an optional requirement*

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
3187.1	Contractors shall retain codes A4644 thru A4646 in their systems for processing claims for low osmolar contrast material.	Carriers, CWF, FIs

3187.2	Code A9525 is invalid for dates of service on or after January 1, 2004.	Carriers, CWF, FIs
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### III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION & POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

#### A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

#### B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

#### C. Interfaces: N/A

#### D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

#### E. Dependencies: N/A

#### F. Testing Considerations: N/A

### IV. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

<p><b>Effective Date:</b> January 1, 2004</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> May 24, 2004</p> <p><b>Pre-Implementation Contact(s):</b> Joel Kaiser at jkaiser@cms.hhs.gov</p> <p><b>Post-Implementation Contact(s):</b> Appropriate Regional Office</p>	<p><b>These instructions shall be implemented within your current operating budget.</b></p>
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