
Program Memorandum

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CHANGE REQUEST 2156

SUBJECT: CWF Change for Billing for Glucose Test Strips and Supplies – Follow-up to Change Request 1612

Background

Glucose test strips and supplies can be billed for up to 3 months of supplies at a time. Beginning April 1, 2002, claims for test strips and supplies must be submitted with the appropriate “start” and “end” dates. The “start” and “end” dates for each claim can span across 3 months and overlap an inpatient stay in CWF.

Implementation

CWF must modify the DA09 edit to use only the “from” date for claims containing the following HCPCS code:

A4253 – Blood glucose test or reagent strips for home blood glucose monitor, per 50 strips

CWF must modify the Date of Death (5211), entitlement (5210), and DA02 edits to use only the “from” date for the following HCPCS codes:

A4253 – Blood glucose test or reagent strips for home blood glucose monitor, per 50 strips

A4255 - Platforms for home blood glucose monitor, 50 per box

A4256 - Normal, low, and high calibrator solution/chips

A4259 - Lancets, per box of 100

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is January 1, 2003.

The *implementation date* for this PM is January 1, 2003.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after January 1, 2004.

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