Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION (HCFA)

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SUBJECT: **Year 2001 HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Annual Update Reminder**

This Program Memorandum (PM) is our annual reminder that the 2001 HCFA HCPCS file and its print file will be made available via HCFA's mainframe telecommunications system. The files may be retrieved after 8:00 p.m., eastern standard time, on October 11, 2000.

The paper documentation cover memorandum, HCPCS tape characteristics and record layout, and transaction list printouts will be sent to you via U.S. Postal Service priority mail. The alpha-numeric index and the table of drugs will be posted on the HCFA web site. The web site address is http://www.hcfa.gov/stats/pufiles.htm#alphanu.

The new HCPCS update is effective for dates of services on or after January 1, 2001.
The 3-month grace period still applies to discontinued HCPCS codes. (At times there are exceptions to the grace period and when this happens HCFA will notify you of any particular discontinuance to the HCPCS that do not have a grace period.) The grace period applies to claims received prior to April 1, 2001, which include 2000 discontinued codes for dates of service January 1, 2001 or later. You must accept both 2000 discontinued codes and valid 2001 procedure codes from physicians, suppliers, and providers during the January – March 2001 grace period. The HCPCS grace period also applies to Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs). Intermediaries, carriers, and DMERCs should remind providers of the grace period no later than 30-45 days after the date of this PM. This reminder can be posted on your web site before your periodic bulletins are issued.

Upon receipt of the new HCPCS file, you should carefully review all new codes. Pricing for drug codes should be determined per PM AB-98-76, Change Request 745. You must be particularly careful about new drug codes as code numbers for deleted drugs may be reused after an appropriate interval.

The January 2001 Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) will contain both the 2001 discontinued codes and the new 2001 codes. The next OCE release in 2001 will contain only the 2001 codes.

Instructions on how to retrieve the 2001 HCPCS file are attached. If you have any questions about HCPCS, contact the appropriate staff:

Susan Watson, for HCFA's mainframe telecommunications system retrieval assistance at (410) 786-1822;

Leo Porter for technical assistance at (410) 786-1816;

Carolyn K. Riley for questions pertaining to new, discontinued, or revised alpha-numeric codes at (410) 786-5323;

Marsha Mason-Wonsley for questions pertaining to new, discontinued, or revised CPT-4 codes at (410) 786-9375;

Angela Costello for questions pertaining to DMERC issues at (410) 786-1554;

Cynthia Glover for questions pertaining to operational issues for carriers at (410) 786-2589; and

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Barbara Strickland for questions pertaining to operational issues for intermediaries at (410) 786-0508.

For questions regarding DMEPOS alpha-numeric codes, contact the Statistical Analysis DME Regional Carriers (SADMERC) helpline at (803) 736-6809.

The *effective date* for this PM is 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 October 31, 2001.

If you have any questions contact the appropriate regional office.

Attachment

Instructions for the Retrieval of the 2001 HCPCS
via HCFA's Mainframe Telecommunications System
(Formerly Network Data Mover)

NOTE: In order not to incur additional transmission line cost, transmission must occur during the evening hours, specifically after 8:00 p.m., eastern standard time.

Listed below are the most common problems encountered when carriers/ intermediaries receive data via the mainframe telecommunications system:

o   Receipt was performed in interactive mode, rather than in batch. If transmission is performed interactively, it is impossible for the Division of Health Plan and Provider Data (DHPPD) to access the log to verify the transmission success/failure.

o   Omission or change of NEWNAME Parameter. Omission of this parameter makes it extremely difficult and cumbersome for DHPPD to access the log to verify the transmission success/failure. Please see that the NEWNAME parameter equals HCPCS.

o   Omission or change of STARTT Parameter. This parameter establishes the starting time for the batch job. As stated earlier, transmission must occur during the evening hours. Setting the STARTT to 20:00:00 hours assures that transmission will not commence prior to 8:00 p.m. eastern standard time.

The following is the JCL required for setting up a mainframe telecommunications system transmission of the 2001 HCPCS file from the HCFA Data Center.

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*************************************************************
//UID#HCPC JOB (ACCTNG),'NAME',MSGCLASS=A,CLASS=C,
//     MSGLEVEL=(1,1)
//DMBATCH EXEC PGM=DMBATCH,REGION=512K,PARM=(YYSLYNN)
//DMPUBLIB  DD DSN= NDM.PROCESS.LIBRARY,DISP=SHR
//DMMSGFIL  DD DSN= NDM.MESSAGE.LIBRARY,DISP=SHR
//DMNETMAP  DD DSN= NDM.NETWORK.MAP,DISP=SHR
//DMPRINT   DD SYSOUT=*
//NDMCMDS   DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSUDUMP  DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSPRINT  DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSIN     DD *
  SIGNON USERID=(NDM USERID) -
      NODE= NDM NODE ID  -
      NETMAP= NDM NETWORK MAP
   SUBMIT DSN= PROCESS LIBRARY MEMBER  -
       STARTT=(,20:00:00) -
       NEWNAME=HCPCS
  SIGNOFF
/*
//

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Prior to submitting this job, please supply the following parameters particular to your job site:

UID#	= Your system User ID
ACCTNG	= Accounting Information, if applicable
NAME	= Programmer's Name
NDM.PROCESS.LIBRARY	= NDM Process Library for your system
NDM.MESSAGE.LIBRARY	= NDM Message Library for your system
NDM.NETWORK.MAP	= NDM Network Map File for your system
NDM USERID	= NDM User ID for your system
NDM NODE	= NDM Node ID for your system
PROCESS LIBRARY MEMBER	= Member where the code for the NDM COPY (see next page) is stored

The following code should be placed in your process library. This code will be executed from within the mainframe telecommunications system to perform the copying of the 2001 HCPCS data from a file at the HCFA Data Center to a file at your processing site.

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HCPCS PROCESS    PNODE= NDM NODE  -
                 SNODE=NDM.HCFA  -
                 SNODEID=(TWXX, PASSWD) -
                 PACCT= 'ACCTNG' -
                 &DSN= DATASET NAME
STEP01  COPY  -
     FROM  -
       (DSN=HCFA FILE
        DISP=SHR  -
        SNODE)  -
     TO  -
       (DSN=&DSN  -
        DISP=(,CATLG,DELETE)  -
        UNIT= UNIT ID      -
        PNODE)

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Please supply the following parameters particular to your job site:

NDM NODE	= NDM Node ID for your system
TWXX	= NDM User ID for HCFA's system
PASSWD	= Password to access NDM at HCFA
ACCTNG	= Accounting Information (if required)
DATASET NAME	= File to receive HCFA data transmission
HCFA FILE	= *MU00.@AAA2360.HCPCS01.CONTR* (This is the 2001 HCPCS file comprised of procedure and modifier codes.)
	= *MU00.@AAA2360.HCPCS01.PRINT* (This is the Print file of the 2001 HCPCS; a utility may be used to produce a printed copy of the HCPCS.)
UNIT ID	= Unit Identifier for your system

The submission of this JCL will enter this job in the mainframe telecommunications system queue. In order not to incur additional transmission line costs, the job must not run before 8:00 p.m., eastern standard time,of the day it is submitted.