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SUBJECT: Addition of a Miscellaneous “WW” Code and National Drug Code (NDC) for Oral Anti-Cancer Drugs

These miscellaneous codes will be used to process claims, while waiting for the permanent “WW” and NDC codes to be established. The additions would allow the DMERCs to receive, process, and adjudicate claims with the correct NDC code as soon as the new sources are approved for oral anti-cancer drugs.

The proposed additions would read:

WW999 – Oral anti-cancer drug, not otherwise classified

NDC # 00009-9999-99 – Oral anti-cancer drug, not otherwise classified

(The CWF categories for this code are 17, 60, 56. The DMEPOS category is 9. The TOS is 9. The POS are 12,31,32,33,54,55, and 56.)

**** NOTE:** WW codes are for DMERC internal systems processing only and providers should still bill using the appropriate NDC codes for oral anti-cancer drugs.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (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 January 1, 2002.

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