Medlearn Matters
Information for Medicare Providers

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Full Replacement of CR 3415, 3rd Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database. CR 3415 Is Rescinded

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers.

Provider Action Needed

Physicians, providers, and suppliers should note the changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database and identify those changes that affect their practice.

Background

Payment files were issued to carriers based upon the November 7, 2003 and January 7, 2004 Final Rules. This instruction amends those payment files and replaces CR 3415.

CR 3415 included changes to the Professional Component/Technical Component (PC/TC) indicator for Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes 96400, 96408, 96425, 96520, and 96530 from a 5 to 0.

> **Changes to the PC/TC indicator for these codes should not have been included.**

Implementation

The implementation date for this instruction is October 4, 2004.

Additional Information

The actual changes to the fee schedule involve numerous CPT/HCPCS codes and the actual effective dates vary. These changes to the revised 3rd Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database are described in the following table.

Changes to Revised 3rd Update to the 2004 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database

CPT/HCPCS	ACTION
G0336	**Description:** PET imaging, brain imaging for the differential diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease with aberrant features vs. fronto-temporal dementia **Short Descriptor:** PET imaging brain Alzheimer's **Procedure Status** = C **PC/TC** = 1 **Site of Service** = 1 **Global Surgery** = XXX **Multiple Procedure Indicator** = 0 **Bilateral Procedure Indicator** = 0 **Assistant at Surgery Indicator** = 9 **Co-Surgery Indicator** = 0 **Team Surgery Indicator** = 0 **Type of Service** = 4 **Diagnostic Supervision** = 9 **Note:** Effective for services performed on or after September 15, 2004.
G0336 - TC	**Description:** PET imaging, brain imaging for the differential diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease with aberrant features vs. fronto-temporal dementia **Short Descriptor:** PET imaging brain Alzheimer's **Procedure Status** = C **PC/TC** = 1 **Site of Service** = 1 **Global Surgery** = XXX **Multiple Procedure Indicator** = 0 **Bilateral Procedure Indicator** = 0 **Assistant at Surgery Indicator** =9 **Co-Surgery Indicator** = 0 **Team Surgery Indicator** = 0 **Type of Service** = 4 **Diagnostic Supervision** = 9 **Note:** Effective for services performed on or after September 15, 2004
G0336 - 26	**Description:** PET imaging, brain imaging for the differential diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease with aberrant features vs. fronto-temporal dementia **Short Descriptor:** PET imaging brain Alzheimer's **Procedure Status** = A **WRVU** = 1.50 **Non-Facility PE RVU** = .51 **Facility PE RVU** = .51 **Malpractice RVU** = .05 **PC/TC** = 1 **Site of Service** = 1 **Global Surgery** = XXX **Multiple Procedure Indicator** = 0 **Bilateral Procedure Indicator** = 0 **Assistant at Surgery Indicator** = 9 **Co-Surgery Indicator** = 0 **Team Surgery Indicator** = 0 **Type of Service** = 4

	Diagnostic Supervision = 9 Note: Effective for services performed on or after September 15, 2004
G0341	Description: Percutaneous islet cell transplant, includes portal vein catheterization and infusion (To report imaging bill 75887 or 75885) Short Descriptor: Percutaneous islet cell trans Procedure Status = A WRVU = 6.98 Non-Facility PE RVU = 2.73 Facility PE RVU = 2.73 Malpractice RVU = 0.48 PC/TC = 0 Site of Service = 1 Global Surgery = 000 Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2 Bilateral Procedure Indicator = 0 Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 9 Co-Surgery Indicator = 1 Team Surgery Indicator = 0 Type of Service = 2 Diagnostic Supervision = 9 Note: Effective for services performed on or after October 1, 2004
G0342	Description: Laparoscopy for islet cell transplant, includes portal vein catheterization and infusion Short Descriptor: Laparoscopy Islet cell Trans Procedure Status = A WRVU = 11.92 Non-Facility PE RVU = 5.32 Facility PE RVU = 5.32 Malpractice RVU = 1.46 PC/TC = 0 Site of Service = 1 Global Surgery = 090 Pre Op = 0.09 Intra Op = 0.81 Post Op = 0.10 Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2 Bilateral Procedure Indicator = 0 Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 2 Co-Surgery Indicator = 1 Team Surgery Indicator = 0 Type of Service = 2 Diagnostic Supervision = 9 Note: Effective for services performed on or after October 1, 2004
G0343	Description: Laparotomy for islet cell transplant, includes portal vein catheterization and infusion Short Descriptor: Laparotomy Islet cell transp Procedure Status = A WRVU = 19.85 Non-Facility PE RVU = 8.82 Facility PE RVU = 8.82 Malpractice RVU = 2.05 PC/TC = 0 Site of Service = 1

	Global Surgery = 090 Pre Op = 0.09 Intra Op = 0.81 Post Op = .10 Multiple Procedure Indicator = 2 Bilateral Procedure Indicator = 0 Assistant at Surgery Indicator = 2 Co-Surgery Indicator = 1 Team Surgery Indicator = 0 Type of Service = 2 Diagnostic Supervision = 9 Note: Effective for services performed on or after October 1, 2004
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33979	Bilateral Status Indicator = 0
33980	Bilateral Status Indicator = 0
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52325	Endobase Code = 52000
52327	Endobase Code = 52000
52327	Bilateral Status Indicator = 1
52330	Endobase Code = 52000
52332	Endobase Code = 52000
52334	Endobase Code = 52000
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69440	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
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69955	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69960	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69970	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
69979	Bilateral Surgery Indicator = 1
0001T	Co-Surgery Indicator = 2

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your carrier and intermediary regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed by going to:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/transmittals/comm_date_dsc.asp

From that Web page, look for CR3505 in the CR NUM column on the right, and click on the file for that CR.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier or intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/tollnums.asp