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Information for Medicare Fee-for-Service Health Care Professionals

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Emergency Update to the 2005 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB)

Note: This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS website and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Physicians and practitioners billing Medicare carriers

Provider Action Needed

Physicians and practitioners should note there are changes to the 2005 MPFSDB. The new fees are posted on the Medicare carriers' website.

Background

MPFSDB files were issued to carriers based upon the November 15, 2004, Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule. These are the fees that are on the CDs that were recently mailed to all physicians as part of the annual participation enrollment process. However, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has made a few changes to that database. These include changes to a few CPT codes with respect to status indicators, global periods, and the addition of 12 demonstration codes (G9021-G9032) for use with chemotherapy infusion. A new MPFSDB file was released to carriers and this new MPFSDB file will be posted to your local carrier's web site. Physicians and practitioners should refer to their local carrier web site to view the new updated fees.

Implementation

The implementation date for the new fees is January 3, 2005. However, the new fees will be available on your Medicare carrier's web site before January 1.

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Additional Information

The specific changes to the fee schedule are identified in an attachment to the instructions issued to your carrier. Those instructions are in CR3595 and they may be viewed by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R414CP.PDF> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact your carrier at their toll free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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