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## Change in the Long Descriptor for HCPCS Code Q4080

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

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, suppliers, and providers billing Medicare carriers, including durable medical equipment regional carriers (DMERCs) and/or fiscal intermediaries (FIs), including regional home health intermediaries (RHHIs), for services related to ILOPROST inhalation treatment of Medicare beneficiaries.

### Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 4324, which provides information on the revised code dosage descriptor for Q4080. This is a non-systems change CR.

### Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) established Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code Q4080 that was effective July 1, 2005, with a code descriptor that read:

**"ILOPROST, INHALATION SOLUTION, ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME, 20 MICROGRAMS."**

**Effective January 1, 2006**, the long code descriptor for HCPCS code Q4080 will read:

**"ILOPROST, INHALATION SOLUTION, ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME, UP TO 20 MCG."**

The short descriptor for HCPCS code Q4080 will continue to read:

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"Iloprost inhalation solution."

CR4324 provides clarification on the change in the long descriptor for HCPCS code Q4080 effective January 1, 2006.

## Implementation

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The implementation date for the instruction is March 13, 2006.

## Additional Information

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For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your carrier/DMERC/intermediary/RHHI regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R209OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier/DMERC/intermediary/RHHI 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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