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2006 Oncology Demonstration Project - Inclusion of Gynecological Oncology

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

Gynecological oncologists who bill Medicare for office-based oncological services

What You Need to Know

CR4347 (from which this article was taken) adds gynecological oncologists to the list of physician specialties qualified to participate in the 2006 Oncology Demonstration Project.

Background

CMS initiated a one-year oncology demonstration project for 2006 designed to identify and assess particular oncology office practice-based services that improve outcomes in the Medicare population (as stated in CR4219, Transmittal 36, *2006 Oncology Demonstration Project*, issued on December 30, 2005).

That CR included the physician specialties of hematology (82), medical oncology (90), and hematology/oncology (83), as qualifying under the 2006 oncology demonstration.

In CR4347, CMS adds the specialty of gynecological oncology (98) to this list. Therefore, unless otherwise noted, the policy, instructions, messages, and business requirements in CR4219 apply equally to gynecological oncology.

Your carriers will not search their records for claims previously submitted for gynecological oncology services in 2006 that were denied payment under the

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oncology demonstration. They will, however, adjust claims that are brought to their attention.

Additional Information

You can find more information about the inclusion of gynecological oncologists in the 2006 Oncology Demonstration Project by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R41DEMO.pdf> on the CMS website.

In addition, you can learn more about the 2006 Oncology Demonstration Project itself by reading *MLN Matters* article MM4219. This article is at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4219.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, 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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