



**News Flash** – Flu Season Is Upon Us! Begin now to take advantage of each office visit as an opportunity to encourage your patients to get a flu shot. It's still their best defense against combating the flu this season. *(Medicare provides coverage of the flu vaccine without any out-of-pocket costs to the Medicare patient. No deductible or copayment/coinsurance applies.)* And don't forget, health care personnel can spread the highly contagious flu virus to patients. **Protect yourself. Don't Get the Flu. Don't Give the Flu. Get Your Flu Shot.** Remember - Influenza vaccine plus its administration are covered Part B benefits. Note that influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. For information about Medicare's coverage of the influenza virus vaccine and its administration as well as related educational resources for health care professionals, please go to [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/Downloads/flu\\_products.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/Downloads/flu_products.pdf) on the CMS website.

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## Claims Jurisdiction and Enrollment Procedures for Suppliers of Certain Prosthetics, Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Replacement Parts, Accessories and Supplies

### Provider Types Affected

Suppliers, including manufacturers, billing Medicare Carriers and Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for certain DME products provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### Provider Action Needed



#### STOP – Impact to You

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Change Request (CR) 5917 to alert suppliers, including manufacturers, enrolled with the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) as a Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetic, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) supplier, that they may now enroll with and bill

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the Medicare carrier or A/B MAC for replacement parts, accessories and supplies for prosthetic implants and surgically implanted DME items that are not required to be billed to the Medicare fiscal intermediary.



#### CAUTION – What You Need to Know

Such suppliers may bill the carrier/MAC for these items only, unless the entity separately qualified as a supplier for items and/or services in another benefit category.



#### GO – What You Need to Do

Make certain that you use your National Provider Identifier (NPI) and do not include your NSC number on claims submitted to carriers/MACs for replacement parts, accessories, and supplies for prosthetic implants and surgically implanted DME.

## Key Points

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- CR5917 reinstates the Part B carrier/MAC jurisdiction for suppliers of replacement parts, accessories and supplies for prosthetic implants and surgically implanted DME only, including manufacturers of such items.
- Suppliers that wish to bill the carrier/MAC for these items must enroll with the NSC as a DMEPOS supplier prior to enrolling with, and billing these items to, the Part B carrier/MAC.
- All suppliers must meet the enrollment standards of the NSC and qualify as a DMEPOS supplier. (A DMEPOS supplier must meet certain requirements and enroll with the NSC as described in Chapter 10 of the Program Integrity Manual, which may be reviewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/pim83c10.pdf> on the CMS website.
- When submitting claims to the carrier or A/B MAC, be sure to use your National Provider Identifier (NPI), rather than the NSC number.

## Additional Information

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CR 5917 contains the list of HCPCS codes that may be billed to the carrier/MAC as a replacement part, accessory, or supply for prosthetic implants and surgically implanted DME. That list is attachment A of CR 5917 and it is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1603CP.pdf> on the CMS

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website. Also, the full 2008 jurisdiction list of DMEPOS HCPCS is attached to CR6062, which is at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1605CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare Carrier or A/B MAC 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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