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## New HCPCS Codes for the April 2008 Update

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers, DME Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs), Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), and/or Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

### Provider Action Needed

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 5981, which instructs Medicare Contractors to implement Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code changes effective April 1, 2008. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

### Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) updates the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code set on a quarterly basis.

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Effective for claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2008, the following HCPCS codes will no longer be payable for Medicare:

HCPCS Code	Short Description	Long Description
J7602	Albuterol inh non-comp con	ALBUTEROL, ALL FORMULATIONS INCLUDING SEPARATED ISOMERS, INHALATION SOLUTION, FDA-APPROVED FINAL PRODUCT, NON-COMPOUNDED, ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME, CONCENTRATED FORM, PER 1 MG (ALBUTEROL) OR PER 0.5 MG (LEVALBUTEROL)
J7603	Albuterol inh non-comp u d	ALBUTEROL, ALL FORMULATIONS INCLUDING SEPARATED ISOMERS, INHALATION SOLUTION, FDA-APPROVED FINAL PRODUCT, NON-COMPOUNDED, ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME, UNIT DOSE, PER 1 MG (ALBUTEROL) OR PER 0.5 MG (LEVALBUTEROL)
J1751	Iron dextran 165 injection	INJECTION, IRON DEXTRAN 165, 50 MG
J1752	Iron dextran 267 injection	INJECTION, IRON DEXTRAN 267, 50 MG

Effective for claims with dates of service on or after April 1, 2008, the following HCPCS codes will be payable for Medicare:

HCPCS Code	Short Description	Long Description
J7611	Albuterol non-comp con	ALBUTEROL, INHALATION SOLUTION, FDA-APPROVED FINAL PRODUCT, NON-COMPOUNDED, ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME, CONCENTRATED FORM, 1MG
J7612	Levalbuterol non-comp con	LEVALBUTEROL, INHALATION SOLUTION, FDA-APPROVED FINAL PRODUCT, NON-COMPOUNDED, ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME, CONCENTRATED FORM, 0.5 MG
J7613	Albuterol non-comp unit	ALBUTEROL, INHALATION SOLUTION, FDA-APPROVED FINAL PRODUCT, NON-COMPOUNDED, ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME, UNIT DOSE, 1MG
J7614	Levalbuterol non-comp unit	LEVALBUTEROL, INHALATION SOLUTION, FDA-APPROVED FINAL PRODUCT, NON-COMPOUNDED, ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME, UNIT DOSE, 0.5 MG

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HCPCS Code	Short Description	Long Description
Q4096	VWF complex, NOS	INJECTION, VON WILLEBRAND FACTOR COMPLEX, HUMAN, RISTOCETIN COFACTOR (NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED), PER I.U. VWF:RCO
Q4097	Inj IVIG Privigen 500 mg	INJECTION, IMMUNE GLOBULIN (PRIVIGEN), INTRAVENOUS, NON-LYOPHILIZED (E.G., LIQUID), 500 MG
Q4098	Inj iron dextran	INJECTION, IRON DEXTRAN, 50MG
Q4099	Formoterol fumarate, inh	FORMORETOL FUMARATE, INHALATION SOLUTION, FDA-APPROVED FINAL PRODUCT, NON-COMPOUNDED, ADMINISTERED THROUGH DME, UNIT DOSE FORM, 20 MICROGRAMS

Currently, Alphanate® is the only product that should be billed using code Q4096. J7190 should continue to be billed when Alphanate® is furnished for purposes of administering Factor VIII. The blood clotting furnishing fee is payable when payment is allowed for Q4096. When a payment allowance limit for Q4096 is included on the quarterly Part B drug pricing files, the payment allowance limit will include payment for the blood clotting furnishing fee.

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2008, the requirements under CR 5713 (See the MLN Matters article for CR5713, which is at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5713.pdf> on the CMS website) are being updated by CR 5981 to apply to claims that bill Intravenous Immunoglobulins (IVIG) using Q4097 as follows:

- Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2008, Medicare Contractors will:
  - Only pay a claim for preadministration-related services (G0332) associated with IVIG administration if G0332, the drug (IVIG, HCPCS codes: J1566, J1568, J1569, J1561, J1572 and/or Q4097), and the drug administration service are all billed on the same claim for the same date of service;
  - Return institutional claims for G0332 to the provider if J1566, J1568, J1569, J1561, J1572 and/or Q4097 and a drug administration service are not also billed for the same date of service on the same claim;
  - Reject professional claims as unprocessable for G0332 if J1566, J1568, J1569, J1561, J1572 and/or Q4097 and a drug administration service are not billed for the same date of service on the same claim; and

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- Use the appropriate reason/remark messages such as: M67 “Missing other procedure codes” and/or 16 “Claim/service lacks information” which are needed for adjudication when claims are returned/rejected.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR 5981, issued to your carrier, FI, RHHI, A/B MAC, and DME MAC regarding these changes may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R1492CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier, FI, RHHI, A/B MAC, or DME 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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