



News Flash – The *General Equivalence Mappings – ICD-9-CM To and From ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS Fact Sheet* (March 2009), which provides information and resources regarding the General Equivalence Mappings that were developed as a tool to assist with the conversion of International Classification of Diseases, 9th Edition, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) codes to International Classification of Diseases, 10th Edition (ICD-10) and the conversion of ICD-10 codes back to ICD-9-CM, is now available in downloadable format from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Learning Network at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/ICD-10_GEM_factsheet.pdf on the CMS website. The fact sheet is also available in print format. To place your order, visit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNGenInfo/>, scroll down to “Related Links Inside CMS” and select “MLN Product Ordering Page.”

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Expiration of Medicare Processing of Certain Indian Health Service (IHS) Part B Claims - **Sunset of Section 630 of the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003 for Payment of Indian Health Services (IHS)**

Provider Types Affected

Indian Health Service (IHS), tribe and tribal organizations (non-hospital or non-hospital based) facilities submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carrier or DME Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs)).

Provider Action Needed

This special edition article is being issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to notify affected Indian Health Service (IHS) physicians, IHS providers, and IHS suppliers that beginning January 1, 2010, IHS facilities can no longer bill Medicare for ‘other’ Part B services, including Durable Medical Equipment (DME), prosthetics, orthotics, therapeutic shoes, clinical laboratory services, surgical dressing, splints and casts, drugs (those processed by the DME/MACs and those processed by the A/B MACs and the Part B carrier) and ambulance services. As a result of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act

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(MMA) of 2003, coverage of these 'other' Part B items and services started January 1, 2005 for a five-year period which ends January 1, 2010. This article alerts affected providers that the five-year period expires as of January 1, 2010.

Background

The Social Security Act (Section 1880; see http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title18/1880.htm on the Internet) provides for payment to Indian Health Service (IHS) facilities for services paid under the physician fee schedule.

Additionally, the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA, Section 630) expanded the scope of items and services for which payment could be made to IHS facilities to include all 'other' Part B covered items and services for a 5 year period beginning January 1, 2005 and ending January 1, 2010. See Change Request (CR) 3288 at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R241CP.PDF> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website. An MLN Matters® article related to that transmittal is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3288.pdf> on the CMS website.

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- Durable medical equipment (DME);
- Prosthetics and orthotics;
- Surgical dressings, Splints and Casts;
- Therapeutic shoes;
- Drugs (those processed by the DME/MACs and those processed by the A/B MACs and the Part B carrier);
- Clinical laboratory services; and
- Ambulance services.

Additional Information

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare carrier 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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