
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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CHANGE REQUEST 2398

SUBJECT: Revision to the Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Codes (HPTCs) Crosswalk

This instruction provides a revised HPTC crosswalk to Medicare specialty codes. Subsequent to preparation of the original crosswalk published January 31, 2002, the National Uniform Claims Committee, the maintainer of the HPTCs, changed the last character of each of the approved codes. Therefore, an updated crosswalk is needed. Attachment A is an updated HPTC crosswalk. Carriers must replace their existing HPTC crosswalk with the updated crosswalk in attachment A. This update will not require shared system changes and is not scheduled for any release. Due to the need for system changes, intermediaries will not be required to update their current crosswalk and therefore are instructed to continue using their existing HPTC crosswalk until further instruction are received.

Shared system maintainers and contractor's front-end systems that currently edit inbound taxonomy codes against the taxonomy code set file are required to replace their current HPTC file with the updated HPTC codes. The updated codes are available as a free download at the Washington Publishing Company's Web site at www.wpc-edi.com/codes. This update will not require shared systems changes and is not scheduled for any release.

The HPBSS standard system and associated carriers are waived from implementing this change request due to their upcoming transition to the MCS system. Carriers are required to implement the change request once they transition to MCS.

Further guidance will be provided in a subsequent change request regarding future usage of the HPTC crosswalk and editing of inbound taxonomy codes.

Attachment

The *effective date* for this PM is October 25, 2002.

The *implementation date* for this PM is November 25, 2002.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after January 1, 2004.

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ATTACHMENT A

CMS (formerly HCFA) SPECIALTY CODES/HEALTHCARE PROVIDER TAXONOMY CROSSWALK June 17, 2002 (Supersedes Crosswalk dated January 31, 2002)

Reason for Update: This crosswalk was updated to include an “X” in the 10th position of the Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Code. Previously, the 10th position represented the Training/Education Requirement Indicator (TER). A TER of “Y” meant that training/education was defined through nationally recognized training and education requirements; and a TER of “N” meant that training/education was not defined through nationally recognized training and education requirements. This information was difficult and sometimes impossible to obtain. Therefore, the National Uniform Claim Committee (the maintainer of the code set) replaced the “Y” and “N” with “X.” The code remains 10 positions in length. The 10th position contains an “X” and is reserved for future use.

This table reflects Medicare Specialty Codes as of December 31, 2001.

This table reflects Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Codes as of April 2002.

An asterisk (*) with Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Code indicates an organizational provider. CMS codes in parentheses were discontinued and were crosswalked to active CMS codes shown in the same cells. CMS codes 71 - 75 were discontinued in May 1992 and were not crosswalked to active codes. CMS codes 71 and 72 were re-used by CMS for two new specialties in 2001.

Changes to either code set will necessitate review of this document and may require it to be updated.

CMS SPECIALTY CODE	CMS SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION	PROVIDER TAXONOMY CODE	PROVIDER TAXONOMY DESCRIPTION TYPE AND CLASSIFICATION	PROVIDER TAXONOMY DESCRIPTION SPECIALIZATION
01	General Practice	203BG0000X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	General Practice
02	General Surgery	203BS0100X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Surgery, General
03	Allergy Immunology	203BA0201X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Allergy & Immunology
04 (17)	Otolaryngology	203BX0500X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Otolaryngology
05	Anesthesiology	203BA0300X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Anesthesiology
06	Cardiology	203BC0100X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Cardiology
07	Dermatology	203BD0100X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Dermatology

08	Family Practice	203BF0100X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Family Practice
10	Gastroenterology	203BG0100X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Gastroenterology
11	Internal Medicine	203BI0300X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Internal Medicine
12	Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy	203BX2100X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, Special Proficiency
13	Neurology	203BN0400X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Neurology
14	Neurosurgery	203BS0110X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Surgery, Neurological
16 (09, 15)	Obstetrics Gynecology	203BX0001X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Obstetrics & Gynecology
18 (17)	Ophthalmology	203BX0300X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Ophthalmology
19	Oral Surgery (dental only)	1223S0112X	Dental Service Providers-Dentist	Surgery, Oral & Maxillofacial
20	Orthopedic Surgery	203BS0113X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Surgery, Orthopedic
22 (21)	Pathology	203BP0100X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Pathology
24	Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	203BS0122X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Surgery, Plastic & Reconstructive
25	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	203BP0400X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
26	Psychiatry	203BP0800X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Psychiatry
28	Colorectal Surgery (formerly Proctology)	203BS0101X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Surgery, Colon & Rectal Surgery
29	Pulmonary Disease	203BP1001X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Pulmonary Diseases
30 (31)	Diagnostic Radiology	203BR0202X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Radiology, Diagnostic
33	Thoracic Surgery	203BS0125X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Surgery, Thoracic
34	Urology	203BU0100X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Urology
35	Chiropractic	111N00000X	Chiropractors-Chiropractor	N/A
36	Nuclear Medicine	203BN0900X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Nuclear Medicine
37	Pediatric Medicine	203BP0200X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Pediatrics
38	Geriatric Medicine	203BG0300X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Geriatric Medicine
39	Nephrology	203BN0300X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Nephrology
40	Hand Surgery	203BS0105X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Surgery, Hand
41	Optometry	152W00000X	Eye and Vision Service Providers-Optometrist	N/A
42	Certified Nurse Midwife	367A00000X	Physician Assistants &	N/A

			Advanced Practice Nursing Providers-Midwife, Certified	
43	CRNA, Anesthesia Assistant	367500000X	Physician Assistants & Advanced Practice Nursing Providers-Nurse Anesthetist, Certified Registered	N/A
44	Infectious Disease	203BI0200X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Infectious Diseases
45	Mammography Screening Center	261QR0206X*	Ambulatory Health Care Facilities-Clinic/Center	Radiology: Mammography
46	Endocrinology	203BE0100X	Physician-Physician/Osteopath	Endocrinology
47	Independent Diagnostic Testing Facility	293D00000X*	Laboratories-Physiological Laboratory	N/A
48	Podiatry	213E00000X	Podiatric Medicine & Surgery Service-Podiatrist	N/A
49	Ambulatory Surgical Center	261QA1903X*	Ambulatory Health Care Facilities-Clinic/Center	Ambulatory Surgical
50	Nurse Practitioner	363L00000X	Physician Assistants & Advanced Practice Nursing Providers-Nurse Practitioner	N/A
51	Medical Supply Company with Orthotist	335E00000X*	Suppliers-Prosthetic/Orthotic Supplier	N/A
52	Medical Supply Company with Prosthetist	335E00000X*	Suppliers-Prosthetic/Orthotic Supplier	N/A
53	Medical Supply Company with Orthotist-Prosthetist	335E00000X*	Suppliers-Prosthetic/Orthotic Supplier	N/A
54	Other Medical Supply Company	332B00000X*	Suppliers-Durable Medical Equipment & Medical Supplies	N/A
55	Individual Certified Orthotist	222Z00000X	Respiratory, Rehabilitative, and Restorative-Orthotist	N/A
56	Individual Certified Prosthetist	224P00000X	Respiratory, Rehabilitative, and Restorative-Prosthetist	N/A
57	Individual Certified Prosthetist-Orthotist	225000000X	Respiratory, Rehabilitative, and Restorative-Orthotics/Prosthetics	N/A

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58	Medical Supply Company with Pharmacist	332B00000X*	Suppliers-Durable Medical Equipment & Medical Supplies	N/A
59	Ambulance Service Provider	3416L0300X*	Transportation Services-Ambulance	Land
60	Public Health or Welfare Agency	2514P0906X*	Agencies-Agency	Public Health or Welfare
61	Voluntary Health or Charitable Agency	2514V0001X*	Agencies-Agency	Voluntary or Charitable
62	Psychologist	103T00000X	Behavioral Health & Social Service-Psychologist	N/A
63	Portable X-Ray Supplier	335V00000X*	Suppliers-Portable X-Ray Supplier	N/A
64	Audiologist	231H00000X	Speech, Language and Hearing Service-Audiologist	N/A
65	Physical Therapist	225100000X	Respiratory, Rehabilitative & Restorative-Physical Therapist	N/A
66	Rheumatology	203BR0500X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Rheumatology
67	Occupational Therapist	225X00000X	Respiratory, Rehabilitative & Restorative-Occupational Therapist	N/A
68	Clinical Psychologist	103TC0700X	Behavioral Health & Social Service-Psychologist	Clinical
69	Clinical Laboratory	291U00000X*	Laboratories-Clinical Medical Laboratory	N/A
70	Multi-specialty Clinic or Group Practice	261QM1300X*	Ambulatory Health Care Facilities-Clinic/Center	Multi-Specialty
71	Registered Dietitian/Nutrition Professional	133V00000X	Dietary & Nutritional Service Providers-Dietician, Registered	N/A
72	Pain Management	203BP2900X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Pain Medicine
76 (23)	Peripheral Vascular Disease	203BS0129X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Surgery, General Vascular
77	Vascular Surgery	203BS0129X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Surgery, General Vascular

78	Cardiac Surgery	203BS0133X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Surgery, Cardiovascular
79	Addiction Medicine	203BA0401X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Addiction Medicine
80	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	1041C0700X	Behavioral Health & Social Service-Social Worker	Clinical
81	Critical Care (Intensivists)	203BC0200X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Critical Care Medicine
82	Hematology	203BH0000X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Hematology
83	Hematology/Oncology	203BH0003X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Hematology & Oncology
84	Preventive Medicine	203BP0500X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Preventive Medicine, General
85	Maxillofacial Surgery	203BS0123X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Surgery, Facial Plastic
86 (27)	Neuropsychiatry	203BP0801X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Psychiatry & Neurology
87	All Other Suppliers	332B00000X*	Suppliers-Durable Medical Equipment & Medical Supplies	N/A
88	Unknown Supplier/Provider Specialty	332B00000X*	Suppliers-Durable Medical Equipment & Medical Supplies	N/A
89	Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist	364S00000X	Physician Assistants & Advanced Practice Nursing Providers-Clinical Nurse Specialist	N/A
90	Medical Oncology	203BX0202X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Oncology, Medical
91	Surgical Oncology	203BX0200X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Oncology
92 (32)	Radiation Oncology	203BR0001X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Radiation Oncology
93	Emergency Medicine	203BE0004X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Emergency Medicine
94	Interventional Radiology	203BR0201X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Radiology, Angiography & Interventional
95	Independent Physiological Lab	293D00000X*	Laboratories-Physiological Laboratory	N/A
96	Optician	156FX1800X	Eye & Vision Service Providers-Technician/Technologist	Optician
97	Physician Assistant	363A00000X	Physician Assistants & Advanced Practice Nursing Providers-Physician Assistant	N/A
98	Gynecological/Oncology	203BX0201X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	Oncology, Gynecologic
99	Unknown Physician	203B00000X	Physicians-Physician/Osteopath	N/A

	Specialty			
A0	Hospital	282N00000X*	Hospitals-General Acute Care Hospital	N/A
A1	Skilled Nursing Facility	314000000X*	Nursing and Custodial Care Facilities-Skilled Nursing Facility	N/A
A2	Intermediate Care Nursing Facility	313M00000X*	Nursing and Custodial Care Facilities-Nursing Facility/Intermediate Care Facility	N/A
A3	Other Nursing Facility	313M00000X*	Nursing and Custodial Care Facilities-Nursing Facility/Intermediate Care Facility	N/A
A4	Home Health Agency	2514H0200X*	Agencies-Agency	Home Health
A5	Pharmacy	333600000X*	Suppliers-Pharmacy	N/A
A6	Medical Supply Company with Respiratory Therapist	332B00000X*	Suppliers-Durable Medical Equipment & Medical Supplies	N/A
A7	Department Store	332B00000X*	Suppliers-Durable Medical Equipment & Medical Supplies	N/A
A8	Grocery Store	332B00000X*	Suppliers-Durable Medical Equipment & Medical Supplies	N/A