
Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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CHANGE REQUEST 2584

SUBJECT: Addition or Modification of Temporary “K” Codes and Change in Status for Code A4232

SCOPE

Effective April 1, 2003 a new “K” code will be established for billing supplies for external infusion pumps. Code K0455 verbiage will change to include the medication treprostinil. Code A4232 will be invalid for claim submission to the DMERCs effective April 1, 2003.

IMPLEMENTATION

Effective April 1, 2003 code K0552 must be added to the DMERC system as follows:

K0552 - Supplies for external infusion pump, syringe type cartridge, sterile, each

CWF Category: 16, 60

DMERC DMEPOS Category: 9

Type of Service: P

Place of Service: 12, 33, 54, 55, 56

SADMERC Policy Group Classification: 290

Pricing: 34

Effective April 1, 2003 the verbiage for code K0455 has been changed to the following:

K0455 - Infusion pump used for uninterrupted parenteral administration of medication, epoprostenol or treprostinil.

CWF Category: 2, 60

DMERC DMEPOS Category: 2

Type of Service: R

Place of Service: 12, 33, 54, 55, 56

SADMERC Policy Group Classification: 290

Pricing: 34

The DMERCs must change the coverage indicator for the following code to make it non-payable by Medicare:

A4232 - Syringe with needle for external infusion pump, sterile, 3cc.

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EDUCATION

DMERCs must publish this information in their next regularly scheduled bulletins and post it on their Web sites within two weeks of receiving this PM.

The *effective date* for this Program Memorandum (PM) is April 1, 2003.

The *implementation date* for this PM is April 1, 2003.

This PM may be discarded after April 1, 2004.

If you have any questions, contact your Regional Office.