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SUBJECT: Update of Radiopharmaceutical Imaging Agents HCPCS Codes Applicable to PET Scan Services

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This instruction updates Pub. 100-04, chapter 13, section 60.3.2 to include two new HCPCS codes for radiopharmaceutical diagnosis imaging agents (tracers).

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2006

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 3, 2006

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:

R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N	13/60.3.2/Tracer Codes Required for PET Scans

III. FUNDING:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Business Requirements

Manual Instruction

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Attachment - Business Requirements

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This instruction updates Pub. 100-04, chapter 13, section 60.3.2 to include two new HCPCS codes for radiopharmaceutical diagnosis imaging agents (tracers). Effective 1/1/06, A9555 replaces Q3000 and A9552 replaces C1775. HCPCS codes Q3000 and C1775 are deleted effective 12/31/05.

B. Policy: No change in policy. This instruction simply updates current radiopharmaceutical diagnosis imaging agents applicable to PET scan services.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement
"Should" denotes an optional requirement*

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
4270.1	Contractors shall advise providers that effective 1/1/06, HCPCS code A9555 replaces HCPCS code Q3000 which is being deleted effective 12/31/05.	X								
4270.2	Contractors shall advise providers that effective 1/1/06, HCPCS code A9552 replaces HCPCS code C1775 which is being deleted effective 12/31/05.	X								
4270.3	FISS shall update any applicable reason codes in place to enforce the appropriate billing of claims for PET scan services with the new					X				

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		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers			
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F		
	HCPCS codes A9555 or A9552.								
4270.5	Contractors shall suspend claims for PET scan services containing the new HCPCS codes A9555 and A9552 with dates of service of 1/01/06 thru the implementation date of this instruction.	X				X			
4270.6	Contractors shall override or turn off applicable edits, as needed, to assure payment for PET scan services containing the new HCPCS codes A9555 and A9552 for claims with dates of service 1/01/06 through the implementation of this instruction.	X				X			

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)							
		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers			
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F		
4270.7	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "medlearn matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin and incorporated	X							

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		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers			
F I S S	M C S					V M S	C W F		
	into any educational events on this topic. Contractors are free to supplement Medlearn Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.								

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B. Design Considerations:

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements
4270.3	FISS reason codes 32255 and 32438 require an update for the replacement HCPCS codes identified in this instruction.

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

Effective Date*: January 1, 2006 Implementation Date: July 3, 2006 Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Institutional billing: Bill Ruiz 410-786-9283 Post-Implementation Contact(s): Appropriate RO	No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.
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60.3.2 - Tracer Codes Required for PET Scans

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Tracer codes applicable to CPT 78491 and 78492:

Institutional providers billing the fiscal intermediary

HCPCS	Description
*A9555	<i>Supply of Radiopharmaceutical Diagnostic Imaging Agent, Rubidium RB-82, Diagnostic, Per study dose, Up To 60 Millicuries</i>
* Q3000 <i>(Deleted effective 12/31/05)</i>	Supply of Radiopharmaceutical Diagnostic Imaging Agent, Rubidium RB-82
A9526	Supply of Radiopharmaceutical Diagnostic Imaging Agent, Ammonia N-13

** NOTE: For claims with dates of service prior to 1/01/06, providers report Q3000 for supply of radiopharmaceutical diagnostic imaging agent, Rubidium RB-82. For claims with dates of service 1/01/06 and later, providers report A9555 for radiopharmaceutical diagnostic imaging agent, Rubidium RB-82 in place of Q3000.*

Physicians / practitioners billing the carrier:

A4641	Supply of Radiopharmaceutical Diagnostic Imaging Agent, Not Otherwise Classified
A9526	Supply of Radiopharmaceutical Diagnostic Imaging Agent, Ammonia N-13

Tracer codes applicable to CPT 78459, 78608, 78609, 78811-78816:

Institutional providers billing the fiscal intermediary:

* A9552 (OPPS Only)	Supply of Radiopharmaceutical Diagnostic Imaging Agent, Fluorodeoxyglucose F18, <i>FDG, Diagnostic, Per study dose, Up to 45 Millicuries</i>
* C1775 <i>(Deleted effective 12/31/05)</i>	Supply of Radiopharmaceutical Diagnostic Imaging Agent, Fluorodeoxyglucose F18
A4641	Supply of Radiopharmaceutical Diagnostic Imaging Agent, Not Otherwise Classified

** **NOTE:** For claims with dates of service prior to 1/01/06, providers report C1775 for supply of radiopharmaceutical diagnostic imaging agent, Fluorodeoxyglucose F1. For claims with dates of service 1/01/06 and later, providers report A9552 for radiopharmaceutical diagnostic imaging agent, Fluorodeoxyglucose F18 in place of C1775.*

Physicians / practitioners billing the carrier:

A4641	Supply of Radiopharmaceutical Diagnostic Imaging Agent, Not Otherwise Classified
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