

# HCPCS Level II EXPERT

Service/Supply Codes for Caregivers & Suppliers



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### Introduction

This Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II code book goes beyond the basics to help you to code accurately and efficiently. In addition to including a customized Alphabetic Index and Tabular List for services, supplies, durable medical equipment, and drugs which the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) developed, we include the following features:

### **Features**

We've crafted a select set of bonus features based on requests from coders in the field as well as the recommendations of our core group of veteran coding educators. Features that you'll benefit from page after page include:

- · HCPCS Level II Coding Procedures guide from CMS to help you to better understand HCPCS Level II codes
- Comprehensive list of new/revised/deleted codes for 2025
- CPT® crosswalk codes for select HCPCS Level II G codes
- · Deleted codes crosswalk for 2025
- · 60 stick-on tabs to mark specific sections of the book
- · Symbols showing which codes have restrictions based on age or sex of the patient
- · Medicare coverage and reimbursement alerts
- · APC status indicators and ASC payment indicators
- HCPCS Level II modifiers with lay descriptions and coding tips
- Updated and enhanced illustrations of body systems at the front of the book so you don't have to search the code book for these large color images of body systems
- Highlighted coding instructional and informational notes help you recognize important code usage guidance for specific sections
- Intuitive color-coded symbols and alerts identify new and revised codes and critical coding and reimbursement issues
  quickly
- · Symbols in Index showing each new code
- · A user-friendly page design, including dictionary-style headers, color bleed tabs, and legend keys

Additionally, our dedicated team drew on their years of experience using code books to develop this book's user friendly symbols, highlighting, color coding, and tabs, all designed to help you find the information you need quickly.

### Let Us Know What You Think

Our goal for this code book is to support those involved in the business side of healthcare, helping them to do their jobs and do them well. We'd appreciate your feedback, including your suggestions for what you'll need in a HCPCS Level II resource, so we can be sure our code books serve your needs.

# **HCPCS Level II Coding Procedures**

### HEALTHCARE COMMON PROCEDURE CODING SYSTEM (HCPCS) LEVEL II CODING PROCEDURES

This information provides a description of the procedures the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) follows in processing HCPCS Level II applications and making coding decisions.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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### A. HCPCS BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Each year, in the United States, health care insurers process over 5 billion claims for payment. For Medicare and other health insurance programs to ensure that these claims are processed in an orderly and consistent manner, standardized coding systems are essential. The HCPCS Level II Code Set is one of the standard code sets used for this purpose. The HCPCS is divided into two principal subsystems, referred to as level I and level II of the HCPCS. Level I of the HCPCS is comprised of CPT® (Current Procedural Terminology), a numeric coding system maintained by the American Medical Association (AMA). The CPT® is a uniform coding system consisting of descriptive terms and identifying codes that are used primarily to identify medical services and procedures furnished by physicians and other health care professionals. These health care professionals use the CPT® to identify services and procedures for which they bill public or private health insurance programs. Decisions regarding the addition, deletion, or revision of CPT® codes are made by the AMA. The CPT® codes are republished and updated annually by the AMA. Level I of the HCPCS, the CPT® codes, does not include codes needed to separately report medical items or services that are regularly billed by suppliers other than physicians.

Level II of the HCPCS is a standardized coding system that is used primarily to identify products, supplies, and services not included in the CPT® codes, such as ambulance services and durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) when used outside a physician's office. Because Medicare and other insurers cover a variety of services, supplies, and equipment that are not identified by CPT® codes, the level II HCPCS codes were established for submitting claims for these items. The development and use of level II of the HCPCS began in the 1980's. Level II codes are also referred to as alpha-numeric codes because they consist of a single alphabetical letter followed by 4 numeric digits, while CPT® codes are identified using 5 numeric digits.

### A. HISTORY

The development and use of Level II of the HCPCS began in the 1980s. Concurrent to the use of Level II codes, there were also Level III codes. HCPCS Level III were developed and used by Medicaid State agencies, Medicare contractors, and private insurers in their specific programs or local areas of jurisdiction. For purposes of Medicare, Level III codes were also referred to as local codes. Local codes were established when an insurer preferred that suppliers use a local code to identify a service, for which there is no Level I or Level II code, rather than using a "miscellaneous or not otherwise classified code."

HIPAA required the Secretary to adopt standards for coding systems that are used for reporting health care transactions. Thus, regulations were published in the Federal Register on

August 17, 2000 (65 FR 50312), to implement standardized coding systems under HIPAA. These regulations provided for the elimination of Level III local codes by October 2002, at which time, the Level I and Level II code sets could be used. The elimination of local codes was postponed, as a result of section 532(a) of BIPA, which continued the use of local codes through December 31, 2003.

The regulation that was published on August 17, 2000 (45 CFR 162.1002), to implement the HIPAA requirement for standardized coding systems established the HCPCS Level II codes as the standardized coding system for describing and identifying health care equipment and supplies in health care transactions that are not within the CPT® code set jurisdiction. The HCPCS Level II coding system was selected as the standardized coding system because of its wide acceptance among both public and private insurers.

### **B. AUTHORITY**

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services has delegated authority under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) to the AMA and CMS to maintain and distribute HCPCS Level I and Level II codes, respectively.

### C. HCPCS LEVEL II CODES

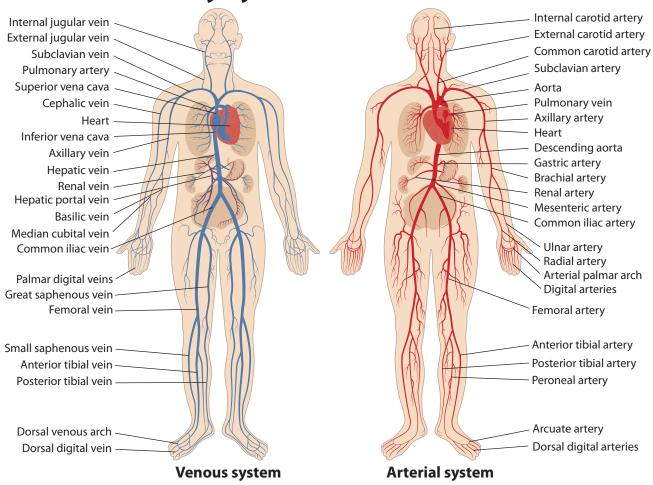
The HCPCS Level II coding system is a comprehensive, standardized system that classifies similar products that are medical in nature into categories for the purpose of efficient claims processing. For each alpha-numeric HCPCS code, there is descriptive terminology that identifies a category of like items. These codes are used primarily for billing purposes. For example, suppliers use HCPCS Level II codes to identify items on claim forms that are being billed to a private or public health insurer. Currently, there are national HCPCS codes representing almost 8,000 separate categories of like items or services that encompass products from different manufacturers. When submitting claims, suppliers are required to use one of these codes to identify the items they are billing.

HCPCS is a system for identifying items and certain services. It is not a methodology or system for making coverage or payment determinations, and the existence of a code does not, of itself, determine coverage or non-coverage for an item or service. While these codes are used for billing purposes, decisions regarding the addition, deletion, or revision of HCPCS codes are made independent of the process for making determinations regarding coverage and payment.

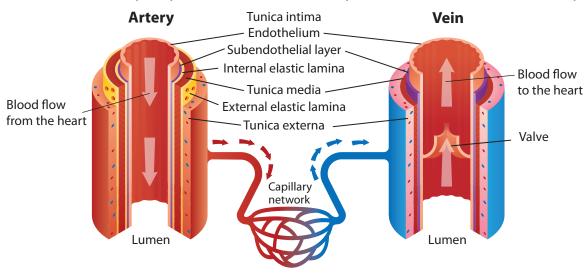
With regard to the Medicare program, if specific Medicare coverage or payment indicators or values have not been established for any new HCPCS codes, this may be because a national Medicare coverage determination and/or fee schedule amounts have not yet been established for these items. This is neither an indicator of Medicare coverage or non-coverage. In these cases, until national Medicare coverage and payment guidelines have been established for these codes, the Medicare coverage and payment determinations for these items may be made based on the discretion of the Medicare contractors processing claims for these items.

# **Anatomical Illustrations**

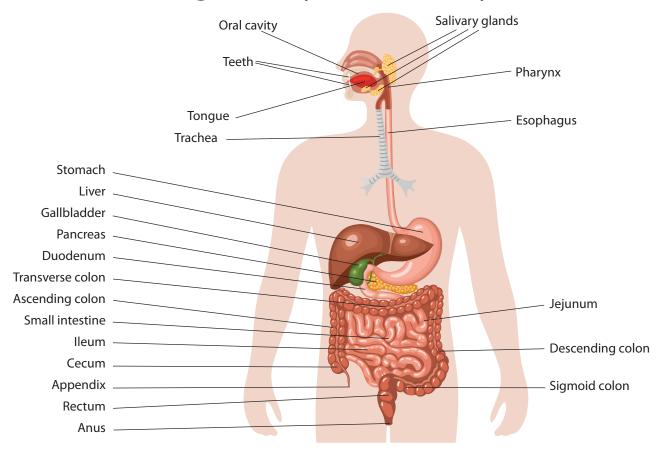
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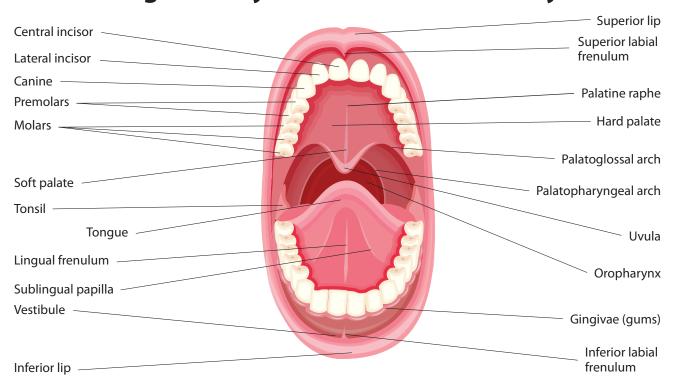
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A0021 - A0380

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CMS includes parenthetical coding guidelines for several codes throughout the Tabular List, which are effective for 2025. Some of these guidelines include deleted CPT® or HCPCS Level II codes, even though the guidelines were from the latest updates from CMS for 2025. Please check the CMS website for further updates or guideline changes.

Generic and brand-name drugs found throughout the Tabular List are from the latest CMS updates. Please check the CMS website and the FDA website for further information on valid or discontinued drugs.

# TRANSPORTATION SERVICES INCLUDING AMBULANCE (A0021-A0999)

HCPCS Level II codes for ambulance services (A0021-A0999) must be reported with modifiers indicating pick-up origins and destinations. The modifier describing the arrangement (QM, QN) is listed first. The modifiers describing the origin and destination are listed second. Origin and destination modifiers are created by combining two alpha characters from the following list. Each alpha character, with the exception of X, represents either an origin or destination. Each pair of the alpha characters creates one modifier. The first position represents the origin and the second the destination. The modifiers most commonly used are:

D	Diagnostic or therapeutic site other than P or H when
	these are used as origin codes

- E Residential, domiciliary, custodial facility (other than 1819 facility)
- G Hospital-based dialysis facility
- H Hospital
- I Site of transfer (e.g., airport or helicopter pad) between modes of ambulance transport
- J Free standing ESRD facility
- N Skilled nursing facility (SNF)
- P Physician's office
- R Residence
- S Scene of accident or acute event
- Intermediate stop at physician's office on way to hospital (destination code only)

# AMBULANCE AND OTHER TRANSPORT SERVICES AND SUPPLIES (A0021-A0999)

- A0021 Ambulance service, outside state per mile, transport (Medicaid only)
  E1
  - BETOS: O1A Ambulance
  - Service not separately priced by Part B
- A0080 Non-emergency transportation, per mile vehicle provided by volunteer (individual or organization), with no vested interest
  E1
  - BETOS: O1A Ambulance
  - Service not separately priced by Part B
- A0090 Non-emergency transportation, per mile - vehicle provided by individual (family member, self, neighbor) with vested interest
  - BETOS: O1A Ambulance
  - Service not separately priced by Part B
- **A0100** Non-emergency transportation; taxi **BETOS:** O1A Ambulance
  - Service not separately priced by Part B

- A0110 Non-emergency transportation and bus, intra or inter state carrier
  - **BETOS:** O1A Ambulance Service not separately priced by Part B
- A0120 Non-emergency transportation: minibus, mountain area transports, or other transportation systems
  - BETOS: O1A Ambulance
  - Service not separately priced by Part B
- A0130 Non-emergency transportation: wheelchair van
  - BETOS: O1A Ambulance
  - Service not separately priced by Part B
- A0140 Non-emergency transportation and air travel (private or commercial) intra or inter state E1 BETOS: O1A Ambulance
  - Service not separately priced by Part B
- A0160 Non-emergency transportation:
  per mile case worker or social worker

  E1
  - BETOS: O1A Ambulance
    Service not separately priced by Part B
- A0170 Transportation ancillary: parking fees, tolls, other
  E1
  - BETOS: O1A Ambulance
    Service not separately priced by Part B
- A0180 Non-emergency transportation: ancillary: lodging-recipient
  - BETOS: O1A Ambulance
    Service not separately priced by Part B
- - BETOS: O1A Ambulance
- Service not separately priced by Part B

   A0200 Non-emergency transportation: ancillary:
- lodging escort

  BETOS: O1A Ambulance
  - Service not separately priced by Part B
- A0210 Non-emergency transportation: ancillary: meals-escort
  E1
  - BETOS: O1A Ambulance
    Service not separately priced by Part B
- A0225 Ambulance service, neonatal transport, base rate, emergency transport, one way E1

  BETOS: O1A Ambulance

  Service not separately priced by Part B
- I A0380 BLS mileage (per mile) E1
  BETOS: O1A Ambulance
  - Service not separately priced by Part B

- ♂ Male only ♀ Female only
  - 🐧 Age
- A2 Z3 = ASC Payment indicator

MIPS MIPS code

ASC = ASC Approved Procedure

A4421 - A4465

С	A4421	Ostomy supply; miscellaneous N BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices	C A4435	Ostomy pouch, drainable, high output, with extended wear barrier (1-piece system),
D	A4422	Ostomy absorbent material (sheet/pad/crystal packet) for use in ostomy pouch to thicken liquid stomal output, each	D A4436	with or without filter, each  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices  Irrigation supply; sleeve, reusable,
С	Δ4423	BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices Ostomy pouch, closed; for use on barrier	D AHOU	per month  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
		with locking flange, with filter (2-piece), each  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices	D A4437	Irrigation supply; sleeve, disposable, per month  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
C	A4424	Ostomy pouch, drainable, with barrier attached, with filter (1-piece), each  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices		AL SUPPLIES INCLUDING TAPES AND SSINGS (A4450-A4608)
C	A4425	Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with non-locking flange, with filter (2-piece system), each  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices	D A4450	Tape, non-waterproof, per 18 square inches  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices  DME Modifier: AU,AV,AW
С	A4426	Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with locking flange (2-piece system), each  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices	D A4452	Tape, waterproof, per 18 square inches  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices  DME Modifier: AU,AV,AW
		Ostomy pouch, drainable; for use on barrier with locking flange, with filter (2-piece system), each  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices	C A4453	Rectal catheter for use with the manual pump-operated enema system, replacement only NBETOS: Z2 Undefined codes
С	A4428	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached, with faucet-type tap with valve (1-piece), each  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices	D A4455	Service not separately priced by Part B  Adhesive remover or solvent (for tape, cement or other adhesive), per ounce  N
C	A4429	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with barrier attached, with built-in convexity, with faucet-type tap with valve (1-piece), each  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices	D A4456	BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices  Adhesive remover, wipes, any type, each  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
C	A4430	Ostomy pouch, urinary, with extended wear barrier attached, with built-in convexity, with faucet-type tap with valve (1-piece), each  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices	• S A4457	Enema tube, with or without adapter, any type, replacement only, each BETOS: Z2 Undefined codes Service not separately priced by Part B Statute: 1861s8
C	A4431	Ostomy pouch, urinary; with barrier attached, with faucet-type tap with valve (1-piece), each	_	Enema bag with tubing, reusable N BETOS: Z2 Undefined codes Service not separately priced by Part B
С	A4432	BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices  Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with non-locking flange, with faucet-type tap with valve (2-piece), each  DME N  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices	C A4459	Manual pump-operated enema system, includes balloon, catheter and all accessories, reusable, any type N BETOS: Z2 Undefined codes Service not separately priced by Part B
C	A4433	Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with locking flange (2-piece), each  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices	C A4461	Surgical dressing holder, non-reusable, each  BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies
С	A4434	Ostomy pouch, urinary; for use on barrier with locking flange, with faucet-type tap with valve (2-piece), each	C A4463	Surgical dressing holder, reusable, each  BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies
		BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices	C A4465	Non-elastic binder for extremity  BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies  Service not separately priced by Part B

New code

Not payable by Medicare

▲ Revised code

M Non-covered by Medicare

C Carrier judgment

AHA Coding Clinic®

D Special coverage instructions apply

S Non-covered by Medicare statute

DME N

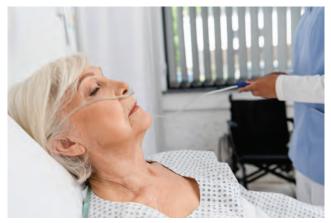
DME E1

DME E1

D A4615 Cannula, nasal

BETOS: D1C Oxygen and supplies

Service not separately priced by Part B



### Nasal cannula

D A4616 Tubing (oxygen), per foot

BETOS: D1C Oxygen and supplies

Service not separately priced by Part B

BETOS: D1C Oxygen and supplies

Service not separately priced by Part B

D A4618 Breathing circuits

BETOS: D1E Other DME

DME Modifier: NU,RR,UE

D A4619 Face tent

BETOS: D1E Other DME DME Modifier: NU

D A4620 Variable concentration mask

BETOS: D1C Oxygen and supplies

Service not separately priced by Part B

D A4623 Tracheostomy, inner cannula

BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices

C A4624 Tracheal suction catheter, any type other than closed system, each

BETOS: D1E Other DME DME Modifier: NU

D A4625 Tracheostomy care kit for new tracheostomy

BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices

D A4626 Tracheostomy cleaning brush, each

BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices

M A4627 Spacer, bag or reservoir, with or without mask, for use with metered dose inhaler BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies

Service not separately priced by Part B

A C A4628 Oral and/or oropharyngeal suction

catheter, each

BETOS: D1E Other DME

DME Modifier: NU

Coding Clinic: 2023, Q2

A4629 Tracheostomy care kit for established tracheostomy

BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices

### **REPLACEMENT PARTS (A4630-A4640)**

A4630 Replacement batteries, medically necessary, transcutaneous electrical stimulator, owned by patient
DME E1

BETOS: D1E Other DME DME Modifier: NU

C A4633 Replacement bulb/lamp for ultraviolet light therapy system, each

BETOS: D1E Other DME

DETOS. DIE Other Divil

DME Modifier: NU

C A4634 Replacement bulb for therapeutic light box, tabletop model

**BETOS:** D1E Other DME Service not separately priced by Part B

A4635 Underarm pad, crutch, replacement, each

BETOS: D1E Other DME DME Modifier: NU,RR,UE

■ A4636 Replacement, handgrip, cane, crutch, or walker, each

BETOS: D1E Other DME DME Modifier: KE,NU,RR,UE Pub: 100-4, Chapter-36, 50.15

D A4637 Replacement, tip, cane, crutch, walker, each.

BETOS: D1E Other DME
DME Modifier: KE,NU,RR,UE
Pub: 100-4, Chapter-36, 50.15

C A4638 Replacement battery for patient-owned ear pulse generator, each

BETOS: D1E Other DME
DME Modifier: NU,RR,UE

C A4639 Replacement pad for infrared heating pad system, each

BETOS: D1E Other DME DME Modifier: RR

Pub: 100-4, Chapter-5, 20.4

A4640 Replacement pad for use with medically necessary alternating pressure pad owned by patient
DME E1

**BETOS:** D1E Other DME DME Modifier: NU,RR,UE

Male only ♀ Female only ♠ Age A2 - Z3 = ASC Payment indicator A - Y = APC Status indicator

ASC = ASC Approved Procedure Paid under the DME fee schedule MIPS MIPS code

DME N

D C1773 Retrieval device, insertable (used to retrieve fractured medical devices) N1 ASC N BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies

Statute: 1833(T)

Coding Clinic: 2001, Q1; 2002, Q3; 2003, Q4; 2016, Q3; 2016, Q3

**D C1776** Joint device (implantable) N1 ASC N

BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies

Statute: 1833(T)

Coding Clinic: 2001, Q3; 2001, Q1; 2002, Q3; 2008, Q4; 2010, Q3; 2016, Q3; 2016, Q3; 2016, Q3; 2016, Q3; 2018, Q3; 2020, Q1; 2021, Q3

D C1777 Lead, cardioverter-defibrillator, endocardial single coil (implantable) N1 ASC N BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies Statute: 1833(T)

> Coding Clinic: 2001, Q1; 2002, Q3; 2004, Q4; 2006, Q4; 2006, Q2; 2016, Q3; 2017, Q2

D C1778 Lead, neurostimulator

(implantable) N1 ASC N

BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies

Statute: 1833(T)

Coding Clinic: 2001, Q1; 2002, Q3; 2002, Q1; 2006, Q4; 2007, Q1; 2011, Q4; 2016, Q3; 2019, Q1; 2021, Q1; 2022, Q4

D C1779 Lead, pacemaker, transvenous VDD single pass N1 ASC N

> BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies Statute: 1833(T)

Coding Clinic: 2001, Q1; 2002, Q3; 2004, Q4; 2006, Q4; 2016, Q3; 2016, Q3

D C1780 Lens, intraocular (new

N1 ASC N technology)

BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies

Statute: 1833(T)

Coding Clinic: 2001, Q1; 2002, Q3; 2016, Q3; 2016, Q3

D C1781 Mesh (implantable) N1 ASC N

BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies

Statute: 1833(T)

Coding Clinic: 2001, Q1; 2002, Q3; 2012, Q2; 2010, Q1; 2016, Q3; 2016, Q3; 2019, Q1; 2022, Q4

D C1782 Morcellator

N1 ASC N

BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies

Statute: 1833(T)

Coding Clinic: 2001, Q1; 2002, Q3; 2016, Q3; 2016, Q3

C1783 Ocular implant, aqueous drainage assist device N1 ASC N

BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies

Statute: 1833(T)

Coding Clinic: 2016, Q3; 2017, Q1

C1784 Ocular device, intraoperative, detached N1 ASC N

BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies

Statute: 1833(T)

Coding Clinic: 2001, Q1; 2002, Q3; 2016, Q3; 2016, Q3

D C1785 Pacemaker, dual chamber, rate-responsive (implantable) N1 ASC N

BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies

Statute: 1833(T)

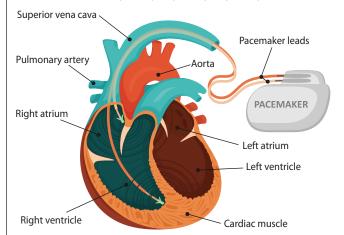
Coding Clinic: 2001, Q1; 2002, Q3; 2003, Q4; 2006, Q4; 2016, Q3

**D C1786** Pacemaker, single chamber, rate-responsive (implantable) N1 ASC N

BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies

Statute: 1833(T)

Coding Clinic: 2001, Q1; 2002, Q3; 2003, Q4; 2004, Q4; 2006, Q4; 2016, Q3



### Pacemaker insertion

D C1787 Patient programmer,

neurostimulator N1 ASC N

BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies

Statute: 1833(T)

Coding Clinic: 2001, Q1; 2002, Q3; 2003,

Q4; 2016, Q3; 2016, Q3

**D C1788** Port, indwelling (implantable) N1 ASC N BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies

Statute: 1833(T)

Coding Clinic: 2001, Q3; 2001, Q1; 2002, Q3; 2003, Q4; 2004, Q4; 2014, Q3; 2016, Q3; 2019, Q2

D C1789 Prosthesis, breast (implantable) N1 ASC N BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies

Statute: 1833(T)

Coding Clinic: 2001, Q1; 2002, Q3; 2003, Q4; 2016, Q3

**D** C1813 Prosthesis, penile, inflatable N1 of ASC N BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies Statute: 1833(T)

> Coding Clinic: 2001, Q1; 2002, Q3; 2003, Q4; 2016, Q3

D C1814 Retinal tamponade device,

silicone oil N1 ASC N

BETOS: D1A Medical/surgical supplies

Statute: 1833t

Coding Clinic: 2006, Q2; 2016, Q3; 2016, Q3

New code

Not payable by Medicare

Revised code

M Non-covered by Medicare

C Carrier judgment

D Special coverage instructions apply S Non-covered by Medicare statute

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E0100 - E0144

### **DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (E0100-E8002)**

### **WALKING AIDS AND ATTACHMENTS (E0100-E0159)**

**E0100** Cane, includes canes of all materials, adjustable or fixed, with tip

| DME Y MIPS

BETOS: D1E Other DME DME Modifier: NU, RR, UE Coding Clinic: 2009, Q2

D E0105 Cane, quad or three prong, includes canes of all materials, adjustable or fixed, with tips

BETOS: D1E Other DME DME Modifier: NU, RR, UE

**E0110** Crutches, forearm, includes crutches of various materials, adjustable or fixed, pair, complete with tips and handgrips

BETOS: D1E Other DME DME Modifier: NU, RR, UE

**E0111** Crutch forearm, includes crutches of various materials, adjustable or fixed, each, with tip and handgrips

DME Y

DME Y

DME Y

DME Y

E1

**BETOS:** D1E Other DME DME Modifier: NU, RR, UE

E0112 Crutches underarm, wood, adjustable or fixed, pair, with pads, tips and handgrips

BETOS: D1E Other DME DME Modifier: NU, RR, UE

E0113 Crutch underarm, wood, adjustable or fixed, each, with pad, tip and handgrip BETOS: D1E Other DME

DME Modifier: NU, RR, UE

**E0114** Crutches underarm, other than wood, adjustable or fixed, pair, with pads, tips and handgrips

BETOS: D1E Other DME DME Modifier: NU, RR, UE Coding Clinic: 2002, Q2

**E0116** Crutch, underarm, other than wood, adjustable or fixed, with pad, tip, handgrip, with or without shock absorber, each

**BETOS:** D1E Other DME DME Modifier: NU, RR, UE

**D E0117** Crutch, underarm, articulating, spring assisted, each

**BETOS:** D1E Other DME DME Modifier: RR

C E0118 Crutch substitute, lower leg platform, with or without wheels, each
BETOS: D1E Other DME

D E0130 Walker, rigid (pickup), adjustable or fixed height 

□ ME Y MIPS

BETOS: D1E Other DME

DME Modifier: NU, RR, UE

**Pub:** 100-4, Chapter-36, 50.15

D E0135 Walker, folding (pickup), adjustable or fixed height 

□ ME Y MIPS

BETOS: D1E Other DME DME Modifier: NU, RR, UE Pub: 100-4, Chapter-36, 50.15

■ E0140 Walker, with trunk support, adjustable or fixed height, any type

BETOS: D1E Other DME

DME Modifier: RR

Pub: 100-4, Chapter-36, 50.15

> BETOS: D1E Other DME DME Modifier: NU, RR, UE Pub: 100-4, Chapter-36, 50.15

BETOS: D1E Other DME
DME Modifier: NU, RR, UE
Pub: 100-4, Chapter-36, 50.15



Walker

D E0144 Walker, enclosed, four sided framed, rigid or folding, wheeled with posterior seat MPS Y MPS

BETOS: D1E Other DME DME Modifier: RR

Pub: 100-4, Chapter-36, 50.15

♂ Male only
♀ Female only

Age

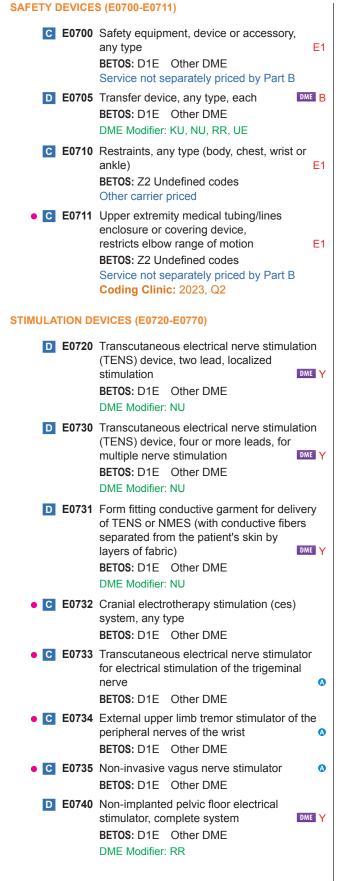
A2 - Z3 = ASC Payment indicator

A - Y = APC Status indicator

ASC = ASC Approved Procedure

Paid under the DME fee schedule

MIPS MIPS code



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C E0744 Neuromuscular stimulator for scoliosis ME Y
          BETOS: D1E Other DME
          DME Modifier: RR
D E0745 Neuromuscular stimulator, electronic
                                                DME Y
          shock unit
          BETOS: D1E Other DME
          DME Modifier: RR
D E0746 Electromyography (EMG), biofeedback
          device
                                                   Ν
          BETOS: D1E Other DME
          Reasonable charge
D E0747 Osteogenesis stimulator, electrical,
          non-invasive, other than spinal
                                                DME Y
          applications
          BETOS: D1E Other DME
          DME Modifier: KF, NU, RR, UE
D E0748 Osteogenesis stimulator, electrical,
          non-invasive, spinal applications
                                                DME Y
          BETOS: D1E Other DME
          DME Modifier: KF, NU, RR, UE
D E0749 Osteogenesis stimulator, electrical,
                                               DME N
          surgically implanted
          BETOS: D1E Other DME
          DME Modifier: KF, RR
C E0755 Electronic salivary reflex stimulator
          (intra-oral/non-invasive)
                                                  E1
          BETOS: Z2 Undefined codes
          Reasonable charge
C E0760 Osteogenesis stimulator, low intensity
                                               DME Y
          ultrasound, non-invasive
          BETOS: D1E Other DME
          DME Modifier: KF, NU, RR, UE
          Pub: 100-4, Chapter-32, 110.5
D E0761 Non-thermal pulsed high frequency
          radiowaves, high peak power
          electromagnetic energy treatment device E1
          BETOS: D1E Other DME
          Service not separately priced by Part B
C E0762 Transcutaneous electrical joint stimulation
          device system, includes all accessories B
          BETOS: D1E Other DME
          DME Modifier: RR
D E0764 Functional neuromuscular stimulation,
          transcutaneous stimulation of sequential
          muscle groups of ambulation with computer
          control, used for walking by spinal cord
          injured, entire system, after completion of
                                                DME Y
          training program
          BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
          DME Modifier: KF, RR
C E0765 FDA approved nerve stimulator, with
          replaceable batteries, for treatment of
                                               DME Y
          nausea and vomiting
          BETOS: D1E Other DME
          DME Modifier: NU, RR, UE
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### **DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME)** (K0001-K1036)

### WHEELCHAIRS, COMPONENTS, AND ACCESSORIES (K0001-K0195)

C K0001 Standard wheelchair BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: RR



DME Y



### Wheelchair

- C K0002 Standard hemi (low seat) wheelchair DME Y BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: RR
- C K0003 Lightweight wheelchair DME Y BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: RR
- DME Y C K0004 High strength, lightweight wheelchair BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: RR
- C K0005 Ultralightweight wheelchair DME Y BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: NU,RR,UE
- C K0006 Heavy duty wheelchair DME Y BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: RR
- C K0007 Extra heavy duty wheelchair BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: RR
- **D** K0008 Custom manual wheelchair/base
- BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs C K0009 Other manual wheelchair/base DME Y

BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: RR

C K0010 Standard - weight frame motorized/ power wheelchair DME Y BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: RR C K0011 Standard - weight frame motorized/power wheelchair with programmable control parameters for speed adjustment, tremor dampening, acceleration control and DME Y braking BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: KF,RR C K0012 Lightweight portable motorized/power DME Y wheelchair BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs

DME Modifier: RR D K0013 Custom motorized/power wheelchair base Y

BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs C K0014 Other motorized/power wheelchair base BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs

C K0015 Detachable, non-adjustable height armrest, replacement only, each DME Y BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: KE.KU.RR

C K0017 Detachable, adjustable height armrest, base, replacement only, each BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: KE,KU,NU,RR,UE

C K0018 Detachable, adjustable height armrest, upper portion, replacement only, each Y BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: KE, KU, NU, RR, UE

C K0019 Arm pad, replacement only, each DME Y BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: KE.KU.NU.RR.UE

C K0020 Fixed, adjustable height armrest, pair BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: KE, KU, NU, RR, UE

DME Y C K0037 High mount flip-up footrest, each BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: KE, KU, NU, RR, UE

DME Y C K0038 Leg strap, each BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: KE.KU.NU.RR.UE

DME Y C K0039 Leg strap, H style, each BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: KE,KU,NU,RR,UE DME Y

C K0040 Adjustable angle footplate, each BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: KE, KU, NU, RR, UE

C K0041 Large size footplate, each DME Y BETOS: D1D Wheelchairs DME Modifier: KE.KU.NU.RR.UE

♂ Male only





DME Y

A2 - Z3 = ASC Payment indicator

A - Y = APC Status indicator

ASC = ASC Approved Procedure





### Knee orthosis

- C L1831 Knee orthosis (KO), locking knee joint(s), positional orthosis, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment
  - BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
- C L1832 Knee orthosis (KO), adjustable knee joints (unicentric or polycentric), positional orthosis, rigid support, prefabricated item that has been trimmed, bent, molded, assembled, or otherwise customized to fit a specific patient by an individual with expertise 

  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
- C L1833 Knee orthosis (KO), adjustable knee joints (unicentric or polycentric), positional orthosis, rigid support, prefabricated, off-the shelf
  - BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
- C L1834 Knee orthosis (KO), without knee joint, rigid, custom-fabricated
  - **BETOS:** D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
- C L1836 Knee orthosis (KO), rigid, without joint(s), includes soft interface material, prefabricated, off-the-shelf

  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
- L1840 Knee orthosis (KO), derotation, mediallateral, anterior cruciate ligament, custom fabricated
  - BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
- C L1843 Knee orthosis (KO), single upright, thigh and calf, with adjustable flexion and extension joint (unicentric or polycentric), medial-lateral and rotation control, with or without varus/ valgus adjustment, prefabricated item that has been trimmed, bent, molded, assembled,

- or otherwise customized to fit a specific patient by an individual with expertise 
  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
- C L1844 Knee orthosis (KO), single upright, thigh and calf, with adjustable flexion and extension joint (unicentric or polycentric), medial-lateral and rotation control, with or without varus/valgus adjustment, custom fabricated

  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
- C L1845 Knee orthosis (KO), double upright, thigh and calf, with adjustable flexion and extension joint (unicentric or polycentric), medial-lateral and rotation control, with or without varus/ valgus adjustment, prefabricated item that has been trimmed, bent, molded, assembled, or otherwise customized to fit a specific patient by an individual with expertise BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
- C L1846 Knee orthosis (KO), double upright, thigh and calf, with adjustable flexion and extension joint (unicentric or polycentric), medial-lateral and rotation control, with or without varus/valgus adjustment, custom fabricated

  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
- C L1847 Knee orthosis (KO), double upright with adjustable joint, with inflatable air support chamber(s), prefabricated item that has been trimmed, bent, molded, assembled, or otherwise customized to fit a specific patient by an individual with expertise DME A BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
- C L1848 Knee orthosis (KO), double upright with adjustable joint, with inflatable air support chamber(s), prefabricated, off-the-shelf

  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
- C L1850 Knee orthosis (KO), swedish type, prefabricated, off-the-shelf

  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
- C L1851 Knee orthosis (ko), single upright, thigh and calf, with adjustable flexion and extension joint (unicentric or polycentric), medial-lateral and rotation control, with or without varus/valgus adjustment, prefabricated, off-the-shelf
  - BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
- C L1852 Knee orthosis (ko), double upright, thigh and calf, with adjustable flexion and extension joint (unicentric or polycentric), medial-lateral and rotation control, with or without varus/ valgus adjustment, prefabricated, off-the-shelf
  - BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
- C L1860 Knee orthosis (KO), modification of supracondylar prosthetic socket, custom-fabricated (SK)

  BETOS: D1F Prosthetic/Orthotic devices
- New code
   ▲ Revised code
   Carrier judgment
   Special coverage instructions apply
   Not payable by Medicare
   Non-covered by Medicare
   Non-covered by Medicare statute

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# Appendix A Table of Drugs and Biologicals

Generic and brand-name drugs found throughout the Table of Drugs and Biologicals are a representative sample of drugs and biologicals commonly associated with HCPCS Level II codes. Please check the CMS and FDA websites for the most up-to-date information on coverage, active brand names, and validity of drugs.

Caution: Never code directly from the Table of Drugs and Biologicals. Always cross-reference the code to the Tabular List before final code assignment. Questions regarding coding and billing guidance should be submitted to the insurer in whose jurisdiction a claim would be filed. For private sector health insurance systems, please contact the individual private insurance entity. For Medicaid systems, please contact the Medicaid agency in the state in which the claim is being filed. For Medicare, contact the Medicare contractor.

### Abbreviations used in the Table of Drugs and Biologicals

IA - Intra-arterial administrationIT - IntrathecalVAR - Various routes of administrationIV - Intravenous administrationSC - Subcutaneous administrationOTH - Other routes of administrationIM - Intramuscular administrationINH - Administration by inhaled solutionORAL - Administered orally

Intravenous administration includes all methods, such as gravity infusion, injections, and timed pushes into blood vessels, usually veins. IM refers to injections into muscles; IT to injections into the spinal column; and SC to injections into tissues (not muscle) under the skin. VAR denotes various routes of administration and is used for drugs that are commonly administered into joints, cavities, tissues, or topical applications, in addition to other parenteral administrations. OTH indicates other administration methods, such as intraocular injections, suppositories, or catheter injections.

Drug Name	Unit Per	Route	Code
ABATACEPT	10 mg	IV	J0129
ABCIXIMAB	10 mg	IV	J0130
ABELCET®	10 mg	IV	J0287
ABILIFY ASIMTUFII®	1 mg	IV	J0402
ABILIFY MAINTENA®	1 mg	IM	J0401
ABOBOTULINUM TOXIN A	5 IU	IM	J0586
ABRAXANE®	1 mg	IV	J9264
ACETADOTE®	100 mg	IV	J0132
ACETAMINOPHEN (MADE BY B. BRAUN)	10 mg	IV	J0136
ACETAMINOPHEN (MADE BY FRESENIUS KABI)	10 mg	IV	J0134
ACETAMINOPHEN (MADE BY HIKMA)	10 mg	IV	J0137
ACETAMINOPHEN, NOS	10 mg	IV	J0131
ACETAZOLAMIDE SODIUM	up to 500 mg	IV, IM	J1120
ACETYLCYSTEINE	100 mg	IV	J0132
ACETYLCYSTEINE, UNIT DOSE, COMPOUNDED	1 gram	INH	J7604
ACETYLCYSTEINE, UNIT DOSE, NON-COMPOUNDED	1 gram	INH	J7608
ACTEMRA®	1 mg	IV	J3262
ACTHAR GEL®	up to 40 IU	IM, SC	J0801
ACTHREL®	1 mcg	IV, IM	J0795
ACTIMMUNE®	3 million IU	SC	J9216
ACTIVASE®	1 mg	IV	J2997
ACYCLOVIR	5 mg	IV	J0133
ADAKVEO®	5 mg	IV	J0791
ADALIMUMAB	20 mg	SC	J0135
ADASUVE®	1 mg	OTH	J2062
ADCETRIS®	1 mg	IV	J9042
ADENOSINE	1 mg	IV	J0153
ADO-TRASTUZUMAB EMTANSINE	1 mg	IV	J9354
ADRENALIN, EPINEPHRINE	0.1 mg	IM, SC	J0171

Drug Name	Unit Per	Route	Code
ADSTILADRIN®	per therapeutic dose	OTH	J9029
ADUCANUMAB-AVWA	2 mg	IV	J0172
ADUHELM®	2 mg	IV	J0172
ADVATE®	1 IU	IV	J7192
ADYNOVATE <sup>®</sup>	1 IU	IV	J7207
AFAMELANOTIDE IMPLANT	1 mg	OTH	J7352
AFLIBERCEPT	1 mg	OTH	J0178
AFSTYLA®	1 IU	IV	J7210
AGALSIDASE BETA	1 mg	IV	J0180
AGGRASTAT®	0.25 mg	IV, IM	J3246
AJOVY®	1 mg	SC	J3031
AKYNZEO®	0.25 mg	IV	J1454
AKYNZEO®	300 mg	ORAL	J8655
ALATROFLOXACIN MESYLATE	100 mg	IV	J0200
ALBUTEROL AND IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE, NON-COMPOUNDED	up to 2.5 mg/ up to 0.5 mg	INH	J7620
ALBUTEROL, CONCENTRATED FORM, COMPOUNDED	1 mg	INH	J7610
ALBUTEROL, CONCENTRATED FORM, NON-COMPOUNDED	1 mg	INH	J7611
ALBUTEROL, UNIT DOSE, COMPOUNDED	1 mg	INH	J7609
ALBUTEROL, UNIT DOSE, NON- COMPOUNDED	1 mg	INH	J7613
ALDESLEUKIN	single use vial	IV	J9015
ALDURAZYME®	0.1 mg	IV	J1931
ALEFACEPT	0.5 mg	IV, IM	J0215
ALEMTUZUMAB	1 mg	IV	J0202
ALFENTANIL HYDROCHLORIDE	500 mcg	IV	J0216
ALGLUCERASE	10 IU	IV	J0205
ALGLUCOSIDASE ALFA	10 mg	IV	J0220
ALGLUCOSIDASE ALFA (LUMIZYME®)	10 mg	IV	J0221

Mod	Modifier Description, Definition, Explanation, and Tips
BR	The beneficiary has been informed of the purchase and rental options and has elected to rent the item
	<b>Definition:</b> Append modifier BR to a code for durable medical equipment, or DME, items where the provider informs the beneficiary of the differences between purchasing and renting of the DME item and the beneficiary chooses to rent the item.
	<b>Explanation:</b> Modifier BR identifies a code as an item where the beneficiary chooses to rent the item after the provider fully informs the recipient at the time the patient receives the item of the purchase and rental options available. A provider appends this modifier for durable medical equipment, or DME, items such as parenteral and enteral, or PEN pumps and electric wheelchairs, reportable with HCPCS K0835 through K0891.
	<b>Tips:</b> Medicare discontinued the use of the following modifiers on claims for most capped rental items outside of those identified above: BP, The beneficiary has been informed of the purchase and rental options and has elected to purchase the item, modifier BR, and modifier BU, The beneficiary has been informed of the purchase and rental options and after 30 days has not informed the supplier of his/her decision. This change was due to the implementation of Section 5101 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.
BU	The beneficiary has been informed of the purchase and rental options and after 30 days has not informed the supplier of his/her decision
	<b>Definition:</b> Append modifier BU to a code for durable medical equipment, or DME, items where the provider informs the beneficiary of the differences between purchasing and renting the item and after 30 days the beneficiary has not informed the supplier of his decision.
	<b>Explanation:</b> Modifier BU identifies a code for a durable medical equipment, or DME, item that a provider fully informs the recipient at the time the patient receives the item of the purchase and rental options available but the beneficiary does not inform the supplier of his decision to rent or purchase the item for 30 days or more.  A provider appends this modifier for certain durable medical equipment, or DME, items such as parenteral and enteral, or PEN, pumps and electric wheelchairs regardless of the date of the first rental period, reportable with HCPCS K0835
	thru K0891, and on all capped rental items where the first rental period began prior to January 1, 2006.
	<b>Tips:</b> Medicare discontinued the use of the following modifiers on claims for most capped rental items outside of those identified above: BP, The beneficiary has been informed of the purchase and rental options and has elected to purchase the item, modifier BR, and modifier BU, The beneficiary has been informed of the purchase and rental options and after 30 days has not informed the supplier of his/her decision. This change was due to the implementation of Section 5101 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.
CA	Procedure payable only in the inpatient setting when performed emergently on an outpatient who expires prior to admission
	<b>Definition:</b> Append modifier CA when the patient is an outpatient, in an inpatient setting, and the patient passes away without being admitted as an inpatient.
	<b>Explanation:</b> In order to receive payment for the CA modifier with a Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System, or HCPCS code, the patient should be an emergency patient and must be an outpatient, the setting should be an inpatient setting only, and the patient passes away without being admitted as an inpatient.
	For outpatients who receive inpatient only procedures on an emergency basis and who expire before inpatient admittance to the hospital, the provider receives a specific outpatient Ambulatory Payment Classification, or APC payment as reimbursement for all the services on that day. The assignment of a modifier CA on an inpatient only procedure line identifies the service as such and assigns the specific payment, and turns on a packaging flag for all other line items on that claim with that date of service. Payment is only permissible for one procedure with a modifier of CA.
	<b>Tips:</b> Do not use modifier CA on more than one procedure on a claim. If a provider submits multiple inpatient only procedures with the modifier CA, the payer returns the claim back to the provider. If a provider applies a modifier CA on an inpatient only procedure code for a patient who did not expire, and the patient discharge status code is not 20, Expired, then the provider will also get the claim back.
СВ	Service ordered by a renal dialysis facility (RDF) physician as part of the ESRD beneficiary's dialysis benefit, is not part of the composite rate, and is separately reimbursable
	<b>Definition:</b> A provider appends modifier CB to identify services ordered by a renal dialysis facility, or RDF, provider as part of the dialysis benefit of an end stage renal disease, or ESRD patient. This is not a part of the composite rate payment, and is separately reimbursable.
	<b>Explanation:</b> A provider appends modifier CB to services related to an ESRD patient's dialysis treatment and ordered by the dialysis facility physician. The test is not a part of the dialysis facility's composite rate payment, and is separately reimbursable. These services may include chest X-rays and other X-rays presumptively considered to be dialysis related and, therefore, appropriate for submission with the CB modifier; along with lab tests such as certain panel tests, urinalysis, and specific electrocardiogram, or ECG, tests and some vascular studies.
	<b>Tips:</b> Modifier CB affects consolidated billing rules for skilled nursing facilities for inpatients.  Append modifier CB, only after determining that the patient has ESRD entitlement, he is undergoing the test for dialysis treatment for ESRD, the test is an order of the dialysis facility, the test is not a part of the composite rate, and is separately reimbursable. The patient should be in a Medicare Part A stay, Bill 21X or 22X.

# **Appendix I Publication 100 References**

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### 100-1, Chapter-1, 10.1

### Hospital Insurance (Part A) for Inpatient Hospital, Hospice, Home Health and Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Services - A Brief Description

Hospital insurance is designed to help patients defray the expenses incurred by hospitalization and related care. In addition to inpatient hospital benefits, hospital insurance covers post hospital extended care in SNFs and post hospital care furnished by a home health agency in the patient's home. Blood clotting factors, for hemophilia patients competent to use such factors to control bleeding without medical or other supervision, and items related to the administration of such factors, are also a Part A benefit for beneficiaries in a covered Part A stay. The purpose of these additional benefits is to provide continued treatment after hospitalization and to encourage the appropriate use of more economical alternatives to inpatient hospital care. Program payments for services rendered to beneficiaries by providers (i.e., hospitals, SNFs, and home health agencies) are generally made to the provider. In each benefit period, payment may be made for up to 90 inpatient hospital days, and 100 days of post hospital extended care services.

Hospices also provide Part A hospital insurance services such as short-term inpatient care. In order to be eligible to elect hospice care under Medicare, an individual must be entitled to Part A of Medicare and be certified as being terminally ill. An individual is considered to be terminally ill if the individual has a medical prognosis that his or her life expectancy is 6 months or less if the illness runs its normal course.

The Part A benefit categories *of* inpatient hospital services *and* SNF services are *each* subject to separate and mutually exclusive day limits, so that the use of benefit days under one of these benefits does not affect the number of benefit days that remain available under the other. *Accordingly*, the 90 days of inpatient hospital benefits (plus 60 nonrenewable lifetime reserve days -- see Pub. 100-02, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, chapter 5) that are available to a beneficiary in a hospital *do not* count against the 100 days of post hospital extended care benefits that are available in a SNF, and viceversa.

### 100-1, Chapter-3, 20.5

### **Blood Deductibles (Part A and Part B)**

Program payment may not be made for the first 3 pints of whole blood or equivalent units of packed red cells received under Part A and Part B combined in a calendar year. However, blood processing (e.g., administration, storage) is not subject to the deductible.

The blood deductibles are in addition to any other applicable deductible and coinsurance amounts for which the patient is responsible.

The deductible applies only to the first 3 pints of blood furnished in a calendar year, even if more than one provider furnished blood.

### 100-1, Chapter-3, 20.5.2

### Part B Blood Deductible

Blood is furnished on an outpatient basis or is subject to the Part B blood deductible and is counted toward the combined limit. It should be noted that payment for blood may be made to the hospital under Part B only for blood furnished in an outpatient setting. Blood is not covered for inpatient Part B services.

### 100-1, Chapter-3, 20.5.3

### **Items Subject to Blood Deductibles**

The blood deductibles apply only to whole blood and packed red cells. The term whole blood means human blood from which none of the liquid or cellular components have been removed. Where packed red cells are furnished, a unit of packed red cells is considered equivalent to a pint of whole blood. Other components of blood such as platelets, fibrinogen, plasma, gamma globulin, and serum albumin are not subject to the blood deductible. However, these components of blood are covered as biological.

Refer to Pub. 100-04, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, chapter 4, §231 regarding billing for blood and blood products under the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS).

### 100-1, Chapter-3, 30

### **Outpatient Mental Health Treatment Limitation**

Regardless of the actual expenses a beneficiary incurs in connection with the treatment of mental, psychoneurotic, and personality disorders while the beneficiary is not an inpatient of a hospital at the time such expenses are incurred, the amount of those expenses that may be recognized for Part B deductible and payment purposes is limited to 62.5 percent of the Medicare approved amount for those services. The limitation is called the outpatient mental health treatment limitation (the limitation). The 62.5 percent limitation has been in place since the inception of the Medicare Part B program and it will remain effective at this percentage amount until January 1, 2010. However, effective January 1, 2010, through January 1, 2014, the limitation will be phased out as follows:

- January 1, 2010 –December 31, 2011, the limitation percentage is 68.75%.
  - (Medicare pays 55% and the patient pays 45%).
- January 1, 2012 December 31, 2012, the limitation percentage is 75% (Medicare pays 60% and the patient pays 40%).
- (Medicare pays 60% and the patient pays 40%).
- January 1, 2013 December 31, 2013, the limitation percentage is 81.25%.
  - (Medicare pays 65% and the patient pays 35%).
- January 1, 2014 –onward, the limitation percentage is 100%
  - (Medicare pays 80% and the patient pays 20%).

For additional details concerning the outpatient mental health treatment limitation, please see the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Publication 100-04, chapter 9, section 60 and chapter 12, section 210.

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