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| CMS Manual System | Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) |
| Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing | Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) |
| Transmittal 12791 | Date: August 15, 2024 |
| | Change Request 13688 |

SUBJECT: January 2025 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Quarterly Update Reminder

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EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2025

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 6, 2025

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

| R/N/D | CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE |
|--------------|---|
| N/A | N/A |

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to remind the Medicare contractors that the quarterly update to the HCPCS file is available for them to download. The complete HCPCS file is updated and released quarterly to the Medicare contractors. The file contains existing, new, revised and discontinued HCPCS codes for the January 2025 quarter. Contractors must download the file via the CMS mainframe in December 2024. The recurring update notification applies to chapter 23, section 20 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual.

B. Policy: There is no new policy associated with this change request.

III. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

| Number | Requirement | Responsibility | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|---|----------------|---|-------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|----------------|
| | | A/B MAC | | | D M E | Shared- System Maintainers | | | | Other | |
| | | A | B | H H H | | F I S S | M C S | V M S | C W F | | |
| 13688.1 | Medicare contractors shall download the January 2025 quarterly HCPCS update from the CMS mainframe. Contractors will be notified by an email from the CMS Functional Workgroups when the file is available for downloading in late-November 2024. The filename is as follows: | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | | CMS, CVM, PDAC |

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| | | A | B | H H H | | F I S S | M C S | V M S | C W F | | | |
| | MU00.@AAA2360.HCPC2025.CONTR.Q1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13688.2 | Contractors shall notify CMS of successful receipt via email to price_file_receipt@cms.hhs.gov stating the name of the file received and the entity for which it was received (i.e., include states, contractor numbers, quarter, and if Part A, Part B, or both). | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | DRaaS-CACHE Data Center |
| 13688.3 | CMS shall notify the contractors by an email from CMS to the CMS Functional Workgroup, if any adjustments/updates are needed prior to the CR implementation date, such as a corrected HCPCS file. The email shall instruct the contractors what action(s) to take to implement the adjustments/updates. | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | X | CMS, DRaaS-CACHE Data Center, PDAC |
| 13688.3.1 | Contractors shall implement the adjustments/updates to the HCPCS file in accordance with the instructions CMS has sent to the CMS Functional Workgroup. | X | X | X | | X | X | | | | X | PDAC |

IV. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

| Number | Requirement | Responsibility | | | | |
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| | | A/B MAC | | | D M E M A C | C E D I |
| | | A | B | H H H | | |
| | None | | | | | |

V. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

| X-Ref Requirement Number | Recommendations or other supporting information: |
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Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information:N/A

VI. CONTACTS

Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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