

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

HCPCS Codes: CMS Introduces Several New 'Carrier-Priced' HCPCS Codes

You'll be able to report these codes effective July 1.

It's not even mid-2011 yet, but you're getting gifted with several new codes that will allow you to collect for devices and materials, including several injectable drugs and wound dressings.

CMS has released its quarterly update to the HCPCS code set, with several new codes available to you for reporting purposes starting July 1. These codes are all marked with coverage code "C," which means that they are carrier-priced. Therefore, you'll have to contact your MAC to determine what payment amount you'll be able to collect.

The following codes will be part of your HCPCS arsenal starting in July:

- K0743--Suction pump, home model, portable, for use on wounds
- K0744--Absorptive wound dressing for use with suction pump, home model, portable pad size 16 square inches or less
- K0745--...pad size more than 16 square inches but less than or equal to 48 square inches
- K0746--...pad size greater than 48 square inches
- Q2041--Injection, von Willebrand factor complex (human), Wilate, 1 I.U. VWF:RCO
- Q2042--Injection, hydroxyprogesterone caproate, 1 mg
- Q2044--Injection, belimumab, 10 mg

Suction pumps are often prescribed for patients who have wounds that are slow to heal. Wilate von Willebrand factor complex is a coagulant that is often used for conditions such as hemophilia.

Hydroxyprogesterone caproate is most often used by obgyn physicians, and belimumab is typically administered to treat lupus patients.

To read more about the HCPCS codes introduced for 2011, visit www.cms.gov/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/02_HCPCS_Quarterly_Update.asp.