

Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

Physician Notes: CMS Reinstates Orthosis Codes to HCPCS

Plus: Medicare won't deactivate your enrollment for inactivity if you're only enrolled as an ordering/referring provider.

If you were wondering whether CMS would ever issue replacement codes for the deleted orthosis HCPCS codes L3660, L3670, and L3675, worry no more. CMS announced last week that the codes will not be deleted on Dec. 31 as originally planned, and instead, the agency has reinstated both codes, as follows:

- L3660 -- Shoulder orthosis, figure of eight design abduction restrainer, canvas and webbing, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment
- L3670 -- Shoulder orthosis, acromio/clavicular (canvas and webbing type), prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment
- L3675 -- Shoulder orthosis, vest type abduction restrainer, canvas webbing type or equal, prefabricated, includes fitting and adjustment

"In making this change, the CY 2011 HCPCS Annual Tape will no longer reflect a termination date of 12/31/10 for these codes," the CMS announcement noted. "This change has been posted to the 2011 HCPCS Corrections document located on the HCPCS web page at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/ANHCPCS/list.asp>."