



News Flash – Flu Season Is Upon Us! Begin now to take advantage of each office visit as an opportunity to encourage your patients to get a flu shot. It's still their best defense against combating the flu this season. *(Medicare provides coverage of the flu vaccine without any out-of-pocket costs to the Medicare patient. No deductible or copayment/coinsurance applies.)* And don't forget, health care personnel can spread the highly contagious flu virus to patients. **Protect yourself. Don't Get the Flu. Don't Give the Flu. Get Your Flu Shot.** Remember - Influenza vaccine plus its administration are covered Part B benefits. Note that influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. For information about Medicare's coverage of the influenza virus vaccine and its administration as well as related educational resources for health care professionals, please go to http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/Downloads/flu_products.pdf on the CMS website.

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Claims Jurisdiction and Enrollment Procedures for Suppliers of Certain Prosthetics, Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Replacement Parts, Accessories and Supplies

Provider Types Affected

Suppliers, including manufacturers, billing Medicare Carriers and Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for certain DME products provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Change Request (CR) 5917 to alert suppliers, including manufacturers, enrolled with the National Supplier Clearinghouse (NSC) as a Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetic, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) supplier, that they may now enroll with and bill

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the Medicare carrier or A/B MAC for replacement parts, accessories and supplies for prosthetic implants and surgically implanted DME items that are not required to be billed to the Medicare fiscal intermediary.



CAUTION – What You Need to Know

Such suppliers may bill the carrier/MAC for these items only, unless the entity separately qualified as a supplier for items and/or services in another benefit category.



GO – What You Need to Do

Make certain that you use your National Provider Identifier (NPI) and do not include your NSC number on claims submitted to carriers/MACs for replacement parts, accessories, and supplies for prosthetic implants and surgically implanted DME.

Key Points

- CR5917 reinstates the Part B carrier/MAC jurisdiction for suppliers of replacement parts, accessories and supplies for prosthetic implants and surgically implanted DME only, including manufacturers of such items.
- Suppliers that wish to bill the carrier/MAC for these items must enroll with the NSC as a DMEPOS supplier prior to enrolling with, and billing these items to, the Part B carrier/MAC.
- All suppliers must meet the enrollment standards of the NSC and qualify as a DMEPOS supplier. (A DMEPOS supplier must meet certain requirements and enroll with the NSC as described in Chapter 10 of the Program Integrity Manual, which may be reviewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/pim83c10.pdf> on the CMS website.
- When submitting claims to the carrier or A/B MAC, be sure to use your National Provider Identifier (NPI), rather than the NSC number.

Additional Information

CR 5917 contains the list of HCPCS codes that may be billed to the carrier/MAC as a replacement part, accessory, or supply for prosthetic implants and surgically implanted DME. That list is attachment A of CR 5917 and it is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1603CP.pdf> on the CMS

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website. Also, the full 2008 jurisdiction list of DMEPOS HCPCS is attached to CR6062, which is at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1605CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare Carrier or A/B MAC at their toll-free number which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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