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SUBJECT: New Physician Specialty Code for Hospitalist

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has established a new physician specialty code for Hospitalist (C6).

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2017

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: April 3, 2017

Disclaimer for manual changes only: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged. However, if this revision contains a table of contents, you will receive the new/revised information only, and not the entire table of contents.

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
R	26/10.8.2/Physician Specialty Codes

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:

**Business Requirements
Manual Instruction**

Number	Requirement	Responsibility									
		A/B MAC			D M E	Shared-System Maintainers				Other	
		A	B	H H H		F M V C	I C M	S S S	A W		
	<p>listed on a CAH claim is eligible and is enrolled in PECOS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line level referring NPI fields 										
9716.04.4	<p>Contractors shall recognize the new physician code, Hospitalist (C6) as a valid provider type for the following edits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ordering/Referring Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Method II Attending and Rendering Attending, operating, or other physician or non-physician practitioner listed on a CAH claim 	X	X	X	X	X	X				
9716.04.5	<p>Contractors shall recognize the new physician code, Hospitalist (C6) as a valid provider type for outpatient bill types.</p>					X					
9716.04.6	<p>Contractors shall accept CMS-855I and CMS-855O submissions with the Undefined Physician Type option selected, specifying Hospitalist, until the forms can be updated with the new specialty.</p>		X								

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility						
		A/B MAC			D M E	C E D I		
		A	B	H H H			M A C	
9716.04.7	<p>MLN Article: A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/ shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within 5 business days after receipt of the notification from CMS announcing the availability of the article. In addition, the provider education article shall be</p>	X	X	X	X			

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
	included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.					

IV. 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:

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Gale Johnson, 410-786-2192 or Gale.Johnson@cms.hhs.gov

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

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10.8.2 - Physician Specialty Codes

(Rev.3637, Issued: 10-28-16; Effective: 04-01-17; Implementation: 04-03-17)

Code	Physician Specialty
01	General Practice
02	General Surgery
03	Allergy/Immunology
04	Otolaryngology
05	Anesthesiology
06	Cardiology
07	Dermatology
08	Family Practice
09	Interventional Pain Management
10	Gastroenterology
11	Internal Medicine
12	Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
13	Neurology
14	Neurosurgery
16	Obstetrics/Gynecology
17	Hospice and Palliative Care
18	Ophthalmology
19	Oral Surgery (dentists only)
20	Orthopedic Surgery
21	Cardiac Electrophysiology
22	Pathology
23	Sports Medicine
24	Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
25	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
26	Psychiatry
27	Geriatric Psychiatry
28	Colorectal Surgery (formerly proctology)
29	Pulmonary Disease
30	Diagnostic Radiology
33	Thoracic Surgery
34	Urology
35	Chiropractic
36	Nuclear Medicine
37	Pediatric Medicine
38	Geriatric Medicine
39	Nephrology
40	Hand Surgery
41	Optometry
44	Infectious Disease
46	Endocrinology
48	Podiatry
66	Rheumatology
70	Single or Multispecialty Clinic or Group Practice
72	Pain Management
76	Peripheral Vascular Disease
77	Vascular Surgery
78	Cardiac Surgery
79	Addiction Medicine
81	Critical Care (Intensivists)
82	Hematology
83	Hematology/Oncology

Code	Physician Specialty
84	Preventive Medicine
85	Maxillofacial Surgery
86	Neuropsychiatry
90	Medical Oncology
91	Surgical Oncology
92	Radiation Oncology
93	Emergency Medicine
94	Interventional Radiology
98	Gynecological/Oncology
99	Unknown Physician Specialty
C0	Sleep Medicine
C3	Interventional Cardiology
C5	Dentist
<i>C6</i>	<i>Hospitalist</i>