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I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This Change Request contains the updated Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)codes for ASCs for services performed on or after January 1, 2006, along with their payment groups. It also provides instructions for contractors to retrieve the new data via the CMS Mainframe Telecommunications System on or after the specified retrieval date. The coding changes within this CR are confidential and shall not be publicized until after the publication of the AMA's 2005 CPT-4 codes which usually occurs by the first of November

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL :
EFFECTIVE DATE : January 01, 2006
IMPLEMENTATION DATE : January 03, 2006

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
N/A	

III. FUNDING:

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

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I.   GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This Change Request serves two purposes. It contains the updated Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for ASCs for services performed on or after January 1, 2006, along with their payment groups. It also provides instructions for contractors to retrieve the new data via the CMS Mainframe Telecommunications System on or after the specified retrieval date.

The CMS' Division of Data Systems (DDS) will release the files listed below. This instruction provides contractors with file names and instructions on how to retrieve these files from the CMS Mainframe Telecommunications System.

B.   Policy: The additions and deletions from the ASC list are the result of changes in the American Medical Association (AMA) Physician's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) for 2006. Attachment A to this instruction lists the additions and deletions. **These changes shall not be publicized until after the publication of the AMA's 2006 CPT-4 codes which usually occurs by the first of November.**

II.   BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement
"Should" denotes an optional requirement

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)								
		FI	RHHI	Carrier	DMERC	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
4082.1	The contractor shall use this file name to download HCPCS codes from the CMS data mover that are deleted from the ASC list effective January 1, 2006.	X		X						

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		FI	RHHI	Carrier	DMERC	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
	MU00.@BF12390.ASC.CY06.DELETES Date of retrieval: September 26, 2005, or later									
4082.2	The contractor shall use this file name to download HCPCS codes from the CMS data mover that are added to the ASC list effective January 1, 2006. MU00.@BF12390.ASC.CY06.ADDS Date of retrieval: September 26, 2005, or later	X		X						
4082.3	The contractor shall use this file name to download the ASC list master listing of HCPCS codes from the CMS data mover that are effective January 1, 2006. MU00.@BF12390.ASC.CY06.ALL Date of retrieval: September 26, 2005, or later	X		X						

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)								
		FI	RHHI	Carrier	DMERC	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
4082.4	Medicare contractors shall neither post electronically on their Web sites nor in any other manner convey code information contained in this instruction until after publication of the AMA's annual 2006 CPT-4 book which usually occurs by November 1, 2005.									Medicare Contractors
4082.5	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/matters shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "medlearn matters" listserv.									Medicare Contractors

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
	Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within 1 week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin and incorporated into any educational events on this topic. Contractors are free to supplement Medlearn Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.									

V.   SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A.   Other Instructions:

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B.   Design Considerations:

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C.   Interfaces: Those intermediaries that process bills from hospitals not subject to the Outpatient Prospective Payment System shall load the ASC Pricer software.

D.   Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact:

E.   Dependencies: There are three attachments; **Attachment A-** ASC List of Approved Procedures HCPCS Code Changes for January 1, 2006, **Attachment B-** ASC Record Layout, and **Attachment C-** Instructions for Receiving 2006 Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) HCPCS Code Changes via CMS' Mainframe Telecommunications System

F.   Testing Considerations:

V.   SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

Effective Date*: January 1, 2006 **Implementation Date:** January 3, 2006 **Pre-Implementation Contact(s):** Chuck Braver at (410) 786-6719 for coding and/or payment issues Yvette Cousar at (410) 786-2160 for Part B claims processing **Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Appropriate Regional Office	**No additional funding will be provided by CMS; contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2006 operating budgets.**

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Attachments

**ASC List of Approved Procedures HCPCS Code Changes (deletions/additions)
for January 1, 2006**

Effective for services performed on or after January 1, 2006

DELETIONS

HCPCS CODE	Short Descriptor	ASC Payment Group	Payment Amount
15350	Skin homograft	2	446
15351	Skin homograft add on	2	446
16015	Treatment of burn(s)	2	446
21493	Treat hyoid bone fracture	3	510
21494	Treat hyoid bone fracture	4	630
31585	Treat larynx fracture	1	333
31586	Treat larynx fracture	2	446
37720	Removal leg vein	3	510
37730	Removal leg veins	3	510
42325	Create salivary cyst drain	2	446

ADDITIONS

HCPCS CODE	Short Descriptor	ASC Payment Group	Payment Amount
15040	Harvest cultured skin graft	2	446
15110	Epidrm autogrft trnk/arm/leg	2	446
15111	Epidrm autogrft t/a/l add-on	1	333
15115	Epidrm a-grft face/nck/hf/g	2	446
15116	Epidrm a-grft f/n/hf/g addl	1	333
15130	Derm autograft, trnk/arm/leg	2	446
15131	Derm autograft t/a/l add-on	1	333
15135	Derm autograft face/nck/hf/g	2	446
15136	Derm autograft, f/n/hf/g add	1	333

15150	Cult epiderm grft t/arm/leg	2	446
15151	Cult epiderm grft t/a/l addl	1	333
15152	Cult epiderm graft t/a/l +%	1	333
15155	Cult epiderm graft, f/n/hf/g	2	446
15156	Cult epidrm grft f/n/hfg add	1	333
15157	Cult epiderm grft f/n/hfg +%	1	333
15300	Apply skinallogrft, t/arm/lg	2	446
15301	Apply sknallogrft t/a/l addl	1	333
15320	Apply skin allogrft f/n/hf/g	2	446
15321	Aply sknallogrft f/n/hfg add	1	333
15330	Aply acell alogrft t/arm/leg	2	446
15331	Aply acell grft t/a/l add-on	1	333
15335	Apply acell graft, f/n/hf/g	2	446
15336	Aply acell grft f/n/hf/g add	1	333
15420	Apply skin xgraft, f/n/hf/g	2	446
15421	Apply skn xgrft f/n/hf/g add	1	333
15430	Apply acellular xenograft	2	446
15431	Apply acellular xgraft add	1	333
16025	Dress/debrid p-thick burn, m	2	446
16030	Dress/debrid p-thick burn, l	2	446
37718	Ligate/strip short leg vein	3	510
37722	Ligate/strip long leg vein	3	510
45990	Surg dx exam, anorectal	2	446

ATTACHMENT B

ASC Record Layout
(for 1/1/2006 update)

Field Name	Beg. Position	End Position	Length
HCPC Code	1	5	5
Short Description	9	36	28
ASC Payment Group	42	42	1
ASC Payment Amount	53	56	4

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING
2006 AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER (ASC) HCPCS
CODE DELETIONS/ADDITIONS AND MASTER LISTING
VIA CMS' MAINFRAME TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Listed below are instructions for receiving the 2006 ASC Code HCPCS deletions/additions and master listing along with their respective payment groups via the CMS mainframe telecommunications system. In order not to incur additional transmission cost, transmission must occur during the evening hours, specifically after 8:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Listed below are the most common problems encountered when carriers/intermediaries receive data via the CMS mainframe telecommunications system:

o   Omission or change of NEWNAME parameter. Omission of this parameter makes it extremely difficult and cumbersome for CMS to access CMTS log to verify transmission success/failure.   See the following NEWNAME parameters:

o   Omission or change of STARTT parameter. This parameter establishes the starting time for the batch job. As stated earlier, transmission must occur during the evening hours. Setting the STARTT to 20:00:00 hours assures that transmission will not commence prior to 8:00 PM EST.

The following is the JCL required for setting up a CMTS transmission of the 2006 Part B Pricing Files file from the CMS Data Center.

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```
//UID#DMEP JOB (ACCTNG),'NAME',MSGCLASS=A,CLASS=C,
//      MSGLEVEL=(1,1)
//DMBATCH EXEC PGM=DMBATCH,REGION=512K,PARM=(YYSLYNN)
//DMPUBLIB  DD DSN= NDM.PROCESS.LIBRARY,DISP=SHR
//DMMSGFIL  DD DSN= NDM.MESSAGE.LIBRARY,DISP=SHR
//DMNETMAP  DD DSN= NDM.NETWORK.MAP,DISP=SHR
//DMPRINT   DD SYSOUT=*
//NDMCMDS   DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSUDUMP  DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSPRINT  DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSIN    DD *
  SIGNON USERID=(NDM USERID)  -
         NODE= NDM NODE ID  -
       NETMAP= NDM NETWORK MAP
  SUBMIT DSN= PROCESS LIBRARY MEMBER  -
       STARTT=(,20:00:00) -
     NEWNAME=ASC
  SIGNOFF
/*
//
```
****
Prior to submitting this job, supply the following parameters particular to your job site:

UID#	= Your system User-ID
ACCTNG	= Accounting Information, if applicable
NAME	= Programmer's Name
NDM.PROCESS.LIBRARY	= NDM Process Library for your system
NDM.MESSAGE.LIBRARY	= NDM Message Library for your system
NDM.NETWORK.MAP	= NDM Network Map File for your system
NDM USERID	= NDM Userid for your system
NDM NODE	= NDM Node ID for your system
PROCESS LIBRARY MEMBER	= Member where the code for the NDM COPY (see next page) is stored

The following code should be placed in your process library. This code will be executed from within CMTS to perform the copying of the 2006 ASC Code HCPCS changes from a file at the CMS Data Center to a file at your processing site.

```
*****************************************************************
DMEPOS PROCESS  PNODE= NDM NODE  -
                    SNODE=NDM.CMS  -
                    SNODEID=(TWXX, PASSWD) -
                      PACCT= 'ACCTNG' -
                     &DSN= DATASET NAME
STEP01  COPY  -
      FROM  -
        (DSN=CMS FILE
         DISP=SHR  -
         SNODE)  -
      TO  -
        (DSN=&DSN  -
         DISP=(,CATLG,DELETE)  -
         UNIT= UNIT ID       -
         PNODE)

*****************************************************************
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Supply the following parameters particular to your job site:

NDM NODE	= NDM Node ID for your system
TWXX	= NDM User ID for CMS' system
PASSWD	= Password to access NDM at CMS
ACCTNG	= Accounting Information (if required)
DATASET NAME	= File to receive HCFA data transmission
CMS FILE	= *APPROPRIATE DATA SET NAME*
UNIT ID	= Unit Identifier for your system

The submission of this JCL will enter this job in the MTS queue. In order not to incur additional transmission line costs, the job must not run before 8:00 P.M. (EST) of the day it is submitted. If you have any questions or problems, call the CMS Service Desk on (410) 786-2580.