



DMEPOS Fee Schedule: April 2023 Update

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Related CR Title: April Quarterly Update for 2023 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule

Affected Providers

- DMEPOS suppliers
- Other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for DMEPOS they provide to Medicare patients

Action Needed

Make sure your staff knows about:

- Fee schedule amounts for new and existing codes
- Payment policy changes

Background

CMS updates the DMEPOS fee schedule on a quarterly basis, when necessary, to:

- Implement fee schedule amounts for new and existing codes, as applicable
- Apply changes in payment policies

Sections 1834(a), (h), and (i) of the [Social Security Act](#) (the Act) requires us to make payment on a fee schedule basis for certain DMEPOS. Payment on a fee schedule basis is a regulatory requirement at [42 CFR 414.102](#) for parenteral and enteral nutrition (PEN), splints, casts, and intraocular lenses (IOLs) inserted in a physician's office. The DMEPOS and PEN fee schedule files contain HCPCS codes that are subject to fee schedule adjustments using information on the payment determined for these items under the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program (CBP), as well as codes that aren't subject to the CBP or fee schedule adjustments.

Section 3712 of the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#), 2020, requires the following:

- a. For items and services subject to the fee schedule adjustments provided in rural or non-contiguous areas, the fee schedule amounts will continue to be based on a blend of 50% of the

adjusted fee schedule amounts and 50% of the unadjusted fee schedule amounts (no change from the current fee schedule amounts) through December 31, 2020, or the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), whichever is later

b. For items and services subject to the fee schedule adjustments provided in non-rural contiguous non-competitive bidding areas (CBAs), the fee schedule amounts will be based on a blend of 75% of the adjusted fee schedule amounts and 25% of the unadjusted fee schedule amounts (an increase in the fee schedule amounts) for claims with dates of service starting March 6, 2020, and continuing until the end of the COVID-19 PHE

On December 29, 2022, Section 4139 of the [Consolidated Appropriations Act \(CAA\)](#), 2023, requires that the fee schedule amounts for items and services provided in non-rural contiguous non-CBAs continue to be based on a blend of 75% of the adjusted fee schedule amounts and 25% of the unadjusted fee schedule amounts for claims with dates of service for the remainder of the COVID-19 PHE or December 31, 2023, whichever is later. Also, payment for items and services subject to the fee schedule adjustments provided in rural and non-contiguous areas continues to be based on a blend of 50% of the adjusted fee schedule amounts and 50% of the unadjusted fee schedule amounts.

The ZIP code associated with the address used for pricing a DMEPOS claim determines the rural fee schedule payment applicability for codes with rural and non-rural adjusted fee schedule amounts. The DMEPOS Rural ZIP code file contains the ZIP codes designated as rural areas. ZIP codes for non-continental Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) aren't included in the DMEPOS Rural ZIP code file. The DMEPOS Rural ZIP code file is updated on a quarterly basis as necessary.

[42 CFR 414.202](#) defines a rural area to be a geographical area represented by a postal ZIP code where at least 50% of the total geographical area of the ZIP code is estimated to be outside any MSA. A rural area also includes any ZIP Code within an MSA that's excluded from a CBA established for that MSA. A former CBA ZIP code file contains the CBA ZIP codes we use in pricing a claim for an item provided in a CBA, and we update it on a quarterly basis as necessary.

CR 13153 provides updates for the following files:

- DMEPOS fee schedule for Quarter 2, 2023
- DMEPOS Rural ZIP code for Quarter 2, 2023

There aren't any updates to the PEN fee schedule file for Quarter 2, 2023

These updates will be available as [Public Use Files \(PUFs\)](#) for State Medicaid Agencies, managed care organizations, and other interested parties.

Specific Coding and Pricing Issues

New Codes Added

We're adding these new DMEPOS codes to the HCPCS file, effective April 1, 2023:

- A4341
- A4342
- A4560
- A6590
- A6591
- A7049
- E0677
- E0711
- E1905
- K1035
- L8678

Don't use these new codes for billing purposes until they're effective.

No codes are deleted from the DMEPOS fee schedule file effective April 1, 2023.

As part of this update, we added fee schedule amounts to the DMEPOS fee schedule file for new and revised HCPCS codes:

- A4341
- A4342
- A6590
- A6591
- E0677
- K1001
- K1006
- K1009
- K1019
- L8678

We got public consultation on national Medicare benefit category determinations and any payment determinations for these codes at the November 29 – December 1, 2022, HCPCS Public Meetings. A [narrative summary](#) for the Medicare benefit category and any payment determinations for these items is available.

More Information

We issued CR 13153 to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, [find your MACs' website](#).

Document History

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