CHANGE REQUEST 1541

SUBJECT: Impact of the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act on Devices Eligible for Transitional Pass-Through Payments Under the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System

Section 402 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act (BIPA), enacted on December 21, 2000, makes changes in the provision for transitional pass-through payments for devices under the hospital outpatient prospective payment system. In particular, §402(a) requires the use of categories of devices, effective on April 1, 2001. Information about categories will be contained in a subsequent Program Memorandum (PM). Until categories are established, the previously applicable rule limiting transitional pass-through payments to devices specifically identified in PMs continues to apply. That is, hospitals may bill for transitional pass-through payments only for specified devices, not for similar or related devices that are not specified.

Section 402(d) provides for a transition to the category provision under which Medicare will make transitional pass-through payments for certain devices, including those that had not previously been determined eligible for such payments because Medicare was paying for them in outpatient departments prior to 1997. This PM contains information on pre-1997 devices as well as devices that were submitted for pass-through status for the April 2001 update. Devices listed in this PM will be eligible for transitional pass-through payments effective January 20, 2001.

Section I of this PM contains a list of pre-1997 devices with assigned HCPCS C-codes that were submitted for the August, October, and January updates but initially did not meet the criteria for a “new device technology” Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC). As a result of BIPA, we have determined these devices to be eligible for transitional pass-through payments, effective for services delivered on or after January 20, 2001.

This section also contains a list of items for which were submitted to HCFA by December 1 that we have determined eligible for transitional pass-through payments. These items were initially submitted for the April 1 update, but as a result of BIPA we have determined they are eligible effective January 20, 2001. Each of the devices listed in this section has been assigned a pass-through C-code, and hospitals should use these codes when billing for transitional pass-through payments for these specific devices.

Additionally, Section I contain a list of devices that were previously assigned to “new device technology” APCs. (Certain pre-1997 devices were placed in “new device technology” APCs if they met both the pass-through criteria (other than the post-1996 requirement) and a test of cost relative to the payment for the procedure with which they are associated.) These devices were assigned C-codes C8500 through C8891. Effective January 20, 2001, these devices are no longer classified in “new device technology” APCs, but as devices eligible for transitional pass-through payments. Accordingly, we have designated additional C-codes for these devices that will result in payment on a pass-through basis.
For reference purposes, we have listed the devices that were previously designated as “new device technology” with their pass-through codes in Section II. (Until April 1, 2001, each device may be reported under a pass-through code, which is indicated in the left column of Section II, or under the “new device technology” C-code, which is indicated in the right column. Use of the latter code will result in payment at the rate for the appropriate new technology APC. For billing purposes, hospitals may report either C-code but not both. However we encourage hospitals to use the pass-through code rather than the “new device technology” C-code.)

The outpatient code editor and PRICER currently contain the codes included in this document. All of the C-codes included in this file are used exclusively for services paid under the outpatient PPS and may not be used to bill services paid under other Medicare payment systems.

The listing of HCPCS codes contained in this instruction does not assure coverage of the specific item or service in a given case. To be eligible for pass-through and new technology payments, the items contained in this document must be considered reasonable and necessary.

SECTION I

C1000 Closure, arterial vascular device, Perclose Closer Arterial Vascular Closure Device, Prostar Arterial Vascular Closure Device, Closer S Arterial Vascular Closure Device

C1003 Catheter, Livewire TC Ablation Catheter 402132, 402133, 402134, 402135, 402136, 402137, 402145, 402146, 402147, 402148, 402149, 402150, 402151, 402152, 402153, 402154, 402155, 402156, 7 Fr CSM Livewire EP Catheter (models 401935, 5FR Decapolar (models 401938, 401939, 401940, 401941), Livewire TC Compass Ablation Catheter (models 402205, 402006, 402207, 402208)

C1007 Prosthesis, penile, AMS 700 Penile Prosthesis, AMS Ambicor Penile Prosthesis, Dura II Penile Prosthesis, AMS Malleable 650 Penile Prosthesis

C1008 Stent, UroLume, Cook Harrison Fetal Bladder Stent

C1029 Catheter, balloon dilatation, Controlled Radial Expansion Balloon Dilatation Catheter Wire-Guided and Fixed Wire, Quantum Dilation Balloon, MS Classique Balloon Dilation Catheter

C1030 Catheter, balloon dilatation, Marshal, Blue Max 20, Ultra-Thin Diamond, Ultra-Thin Balloon Dilatation Catheter, Ultra-Thin ST Balloon Dilatation Catheter, Ultra-Thin Balloon Dilatation Catheter with Glide Hydrophilic Coated Balloon, Ultra-Thin ST Balloon Dilatation Catheter with Glide Hydrophilic Coated Balloon

C1033 Catheter, imaging, Sonicath Ultra Model 37-410 Ultrasound Imaging Catheter, Sonicath Ultra 9 MHz Ultrasound Imaging Catheter

C1036 Port/reservoir, venous access device, Vaxcel Implantable Vascular Access System, R Port Premier Vascular Access System (model 45-100), Bard Port Implanted Port, Bard Rosenblatt Lumen Port, Bard Ultra Low Profile Port, BardPort Titanium Implanted Port, BardPort X-Port Implanted Port, BardPort M.R.I. Dual Implanted Port, BardPort M.R.I. Hard-Base Implanted Port


C1043 Atherectomy system, coronary, RotablatorRotaLink Atherectomy Catheter and Burr, Rotablator RotaLink Rotational Atherectomy System Advance and Guide Wire, Atherocath-GTO Atherectomy Catheter, Interventional Technologies Transluminal Extraction Coronary (TEC) Atherectomy System

C1051 Catheter, thrombectomy, Oasis Thrombectomy Catheter, Fogarty Adherent Clot Catheter (4 Fr, 5 Fr, 6Fr), 6 Fr Thrombex PMT Catheter (60cm, 120cm)

C1055 Catheter, Transesophageal 210 Atrial Pacing Catheter, Transesophageal 210-S Atrial Pacing Catheter, Flex-EZ Balloon Dilator, EZ Resolution Balloon Dilator (models 3802, 3804, 3806)

C1056 Catheter, Gynecare Thermachoice II Catheter, Cook Intravuterine Insemination Catheter, Cook Jansen-Anderson Insemination Set, Cook OB/GYN Suprapubic Balloons, Cook Urological O’Brien Suprapubic Access Set, Cook Urological Suprapubic Balloons, Product Health Induct Breast Microcatheter, Cook Chorionic Villus Sampling Set

C1061 Catheter, coronary guide, ACS Viking Guiding Catheter, Cardima Vuetype Balloon Occlusion Guiding Catheter, Merit Medical Systems Performa Vessel Sizing Catheter, Merit Medical Systems Pediatric/Adult Pigtail Catheter

C1067 Stent, biliary, Megalink Biliary Stent, PALMAZ Balloon Expandable Stent and Delivery System, Spiral Z Biliary Metal Expandable Stent, Wallstent Transhepatic Biliary Endoprosthesis

C1068 Pacemaker, dual chamber, Pulsar DDD, Unity VDDR (model 292-07)
Pacemaker, single chamber, Pulsar Max SR, Pulsar SR, Vigor SSI


Catheter, diagnostic, electrophysiology, TorqR, Soloist, Dynamic XT Decapolar Catheter

Anchor, implantable, Mitek GII Anchor, Mitek Knotless, Mitek TACIT, Mitek Rotator Cuff, Mitek GLS, Mitek Mini, Mitek FASTIN, Mitek Super, Mitek PANALOK, Mitek Micro, Mitek PANALOK RC, Mitek FASTIN RC, Innovasive ROC EZ, Innovasive MINIROC, Innovasive BIOROC, Innovasive ROC XS, Innovasive Contack, Biomet 3.5mm Cortical Screw, Biomet 4.5mm Cortical Screw (fully threaded), Biomet 6.5mm Cannulous Lag Screw (32mm thread length), Biomet 6.5mm Cannulous Cannulous Screw (20mm thread length)


Pacemaker, dual chamber, Sigma 300 DR, Legacy II DR, Legacy II S

Defibrillator, implantable, GEM II VR, GEM III VR (model 7231)

Pacemaker, single chamber, Kappa 400 SR, Topaz II SR, Topaz 3/Topaz SR (model 540)

Pacemaker, single chamber, Kappa 700 DR (all models), Clarity DR (models 860, 862, 865), Diamond 3/Diamond DR (model 840)

Pacemaker, single chamber, Kappa 700 SR, Clarity SR (models 560, 562, 565)

Pacemaker, dual chamber, Kappa 700 D, Ruby II D, Ruby 3/Ruby 3 D (model 740), Vita 2 DR (model 830)

Pacemaker, single chamber, Sigma 300 SR, Vita SR, Vita 2 SR (model 530)

Septal defect implant system, CardioSEAL Septal Occlusion System, CardioSEAL Occluder Delivery Catheter, AGA Medical Amplatzer PFO Occluder

Vascular closure device, Angio-Seal 6 French Vascular Closure Device (model 610091), Angio-Seal 8 French Vascular Closure Device (models 610089, 610097), Angio-seal 6 Fr EV Vascular Closure Device, Angio-seal 8 Fr EV Vascular Closure Device (models 610099, 610101)

Defibrillator, single chamber, implantable, Contour MD V-175, Contour MD V-175A, Contour MD V-175C, Contour MD V-175D, Contour II (models V-185AC, V-185B, V-185C)


Lead, defibrillator, SPL SP01, SPL SP02, SPL SP04, 6721L, 6721M, 6721S, 6939 Oval Patch Lead, CapSure 4965, DP-3238, EndoTak DSP, Transvene 6933, Transvene 6937

Pacemaker, single chamber, Affinity SR 5130, Affinity SR 5130L, Affinity 5130R, Integrity SR 5142, Integrity S UR SR 5136

Pacemaker, dual chamber, Sigma 300 DR, Legacy II DR, Legacy II S

Defibrillator, implantable, GEM II VR, GEM III VR (model 7231)

Pacemaker, single chamber, rate-responsive, Affinity SR 5130, Affinity SR 5130L, Affinity 5130R, Integrity SR 5142, Integrity S UR SR 5136

Vascular closure device, Angio-Seal 6 French Vascular Closure Device (model 610091), Angio-Seal 8 French Vascular Closure Device (models 610089, 610097), Angio-seal 6 Fr EV Vascular Closure Device, Angio-seal 8 Fr EV Vascular Closure Device (models 610099, 610101)

Defibrillator, single chamber, implantable, Contour MD V-175, Contour MD V-175A, Contour MD V-175C, Contour MD V-175D, Contour II (models V-185AC, V-185B, V-185C)


Lead, defibrillator, SPL SP01, SPL SP02, SPL SP04, 6721L, 6721M, 6721S, 6939 Oval Patch Lead, CapSure 4965, DP-3238, EndoTak DSP, Transvene 6933, Transvene 6937

Pacemaker, single chamber, Affinity SR 5131M/S, Tempo VR 1102, Trilogy SR+ 2260L, Trilogy SR+ 2264L, Solus II (models 2006L, 2007 M/S)

Pacemaker, dual chamber, Trilogy DC+ 2318L, Synchrony III (models 2028L, 2029 M/S)

Pacemaker, single chamber, Jade II S, Sigma 300 S, Jade 3/Jade 3S (model 340)

Pacemaker, single chamber, Sigma 200 S, Sigma 100 S

Lead, neurostimulator, Cyberonics NeuroCybernetic Prosthesis Lead, Octad Lead 3898-33/389861, On-Point Model 3987, Pisces—Quad Plus Model 3888, Resume II Model 3986, Pisces—Quad Model 3487a, Resume II Model 3587a, SymMix Lead 3982

Pacemaker, dual chamber, Vigor DR, Meridian DR, Vigor DDD, Vista DDD

Stent, enteral, Wallstent Enteral Wallstent Endoprosthesi and Unistep Delivery System (60mm in length), Enteral Wallstent Endoprosthesi and Unistep Plus Delivery System/Single-Use Colonie and Duodenal Endoprosthesi with Unistep Plus Delivery System (60mm in length), Esophageal Z Metal Expandable Stent with Duo Anti-reflux Valve, Esophageal Z Metal Expandable Stent with Uncoted Flanges, Ultraflex Esophageal Stent System, Wallstent Esophageal Prosthesis (Double), Wallstent Esophageal Prosthesis with Delivery System, Wilson-Cook Esophageal Z Metal Expandable Stent, Bard Memotherm Esophageal Stent
Rapid Transit Infusion Catheter, Cordis Regatta Flow Guided Infusion Catheter, Cordis Prowler Plus Microcatheter, Cordis Prowler Small Profile Infusion Microcatheter, Cordis Plus Microcatheter, Cordis Mass Transit Max ID Microcatheter, Cordis Transit Microcatheter, Merit Medical Systems Mistique Infusion Catheter

C1933 Catheter, Opti-Plast Centurion 5.5F PTA Catheter (shaft length 50cm to 120cm), Opti-Plast XL 5.5F PTA Catheter (shaft length 75 cm to 120cm), Opti-Plast PTA Catheter (5.5 Fr), Tru Trac 5Fr Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty Balloon Dilatation Catheter, OptiPlast XT 5Fr Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty Catheter (various sizes)

C1934 Catheter, Ultrasound 3.5F Balloon Dilatation Catheter, Interventional Technologies Cutting Balloon

C1936 Catheter, Uromax Ultra High Pressure Balloon Dilatation Catheters with Hydroplus Coating, UrethraMax High Pressure Urethral Balloon Dilatation Catheter, Carson Zero Tip Balloon Dilatation Catheters with HydroPlus Coating, Passport Balloon on a Wire Dilatation Catheters with HydroPlus Coating, Tandem Thin-Shaft Transureteroscopic Balloon Dilatation Catheter with Hydro Plus Coating, Trilogy Low Profile Balloon Dilatation Catheters with HydroPlus Coating, Ureteral Dilators with Hydro Plus Coating and Procedural Sheath, Amplatz Renal Dilator Set

C1937 Catheter, Synergy Balloon Dilatation Catheter, Explorer ST (6 Fr), Explorer 360 Jr., Explorer 360, Explorer ST, Symmetry Small Vessel Balloon Dilatation Catheter with Glidex Hydrophilic Coating, Symmetry Stiff Shaft Small Vessel Balloon Dilatation Catheter with Glidex Hydrophilic Coating, XXL Large Balloon Dilatation Catheter

C1938 Catheter, Bard UroForce Balloon Dilatation Catheter, Cook Urological Urodynamic Catheter

C1940 Catheter, Cordis PowerFlex Extreme PTA Balloon Catheter, Cordis PowerFlex Plus PTA Balloon Catheter, Cordis OPTA LP PTA Balloon Catheter, Cordis OPTA 5 PTA Balloon Catheter, Cordis PowerFlex P3 PTA Balloon Catheter

C1941 Catheter, Jupiter PTA Balloon Dilatation Catheter, Cordis OPTA ProPTA Dilatation Catheter, Cordis SLALOM PTA Dilatation Catheter

C1944 Catheter, Rapid Exchange Single-Use Biliary Balloon Dilatation Catheter, Maxforce Single-Use Biliary Balloon Dilatation Catheter

C1948 Catheter, Pursuit Balloon Angioplasty Catheter, Cook Accent Balloon Angioplasty Catheter

C1981 Catheter, coronary angioplasty balloon, Adante, Bonnie, Bonnie 15mm, Bonnie Monorail 30mm or 40mm, Bonnie Sliding Rail, Bypass Speedy, Chubby, Chubby Sliding Rail, Coyote 20mm, Coyote 9/15/25mm, Maxxum, NC Ranger, NC Ranger 9mm, Ranger 20mm, Long Ranger 30mm or 40mm, NC Ranger 16/18mm, NC Ranger 22/25/30mm, NC Big Ranger, Quantum Ranger, Quantum Ranger 1/4 sizes, Quantum Ranger 9/16/18mm, Quantum Ranger 22/30mm, Quantum Ranger 25mm, Ranger LP 20/30/40, Viva/Long Viva, ACE—1cm, ACE—2 cm, ACE Graflex, Long ACE, Pivot, Cobra (10, 14, 18, 30, 40mm in lengths)


C2004 Catheter, electrophysiology, BioSense Webster Deflectable Tip Electrophysiology Catheter


C2010 Catheter, diagnostic, electrophysiology, Response Fixed Curve Catheter, Supreme Fixed Curve Catheter, Torq R CS, BioSense Webster Fixed Curve Diagnostic Electrophysiology Catheter

C2018 Catheter, ablation, Polaris T Ablation Catheter, MECA Ablation Catheter, SteeroCath-A, SteeroCath-T, Polaris LE (7 Fr), Polaris Dx


C2020 Catheter, ablation, Blazer II XP, Blazer II 6F, Blazer II High Torque Distal (HTD), Blazer II (7 Fr)

C2020 Mass Transit Catheter

C2100 Catheter, electrophysiology, Cardiac Pathways CS Reference Catheter, Boston Scientific Special Procedure Steero Dx Octa, Boston Scientific Map Pacing Catheter

C2101 Catheter, electrophysiology, Cardiac Pathways RV Reference Catheter, Boston Scientific EPT-Dx Steerable

C2102 Catheter, electrophysiology, Cardiac Pathways 7F Radii Catheter with Tracking, Boston Scientific Valve Mapper SteeroDx

C2104 Catheter, electrophysiology, Lasso Deflectable Circular Tip Mapping Catheter, Cardima Tracer Over-the-Wire Mapping Microcatheter, Cardima PathFinder Microcatheter, Cardima Revelation Microcatheter

C21152 Catheter, Cordis 5F, 6F, 7F, 8F, 9F, 10F Vista Brite Tip Guiding Catheter, Cordis 0.056 Vista Brite Tip Guiding Catheter (5 Fr), Cordis Vista Brite Tip IG Introducer Guiding Catheter (7 Fr), Cordis Vista Brite Tip IG...
Clinicath Peripherally Inserted Midline Catheter (PICC) Dual Lumen PolyFlow Polyurethane Catheter 18G (includes catheter and introducer), Clinicath Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) Single-Lumen PolyFlow Polyurethane 16/18G (includes catheter and introducer), Clinicath Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) Single-Lumen PolyFlow Polyurethane 16G (includes catheter and introducer), BD First MidCath Catheter (3Fr, 4Fr, 5Fr, 20cm/4Fr, 20cm/5Fr), Dual Lumen Silicone Midline Catheter Dual Lumen Silicone Midline Catheter (5Fr/5Fr, 20 cm), BD Single-Lumen Polyurethane PICC, BD Single-Lumen Polyurethane Midline Catheter (catheter and introducer only), Bard Per-Q-Cath, Bard Per-Q-Cath Plus, Bard RadPICC, Bard Groshong Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC), Ethicon Endo-Surgery 18G/20G Single Lumen BIOVUE Midline Catheter Starter Set (catheter and introducer only), Ethicon Endo-Surgery 18G Dual Lumen BIOVUE Midline Catheter Starter Set (catheter and introducer only)


Clinicath Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) Single-Lumen PolyFlow Polyurethane Catheter 16G/18G/19G (includes catheter and introducer), BD First PICC Catheter, 1.9Fr, 2.8Fr, 3Fr, 4Fr, 5Fr, Single Lumen Silicone PICC (catheter and introducer only), Boston Scientific Vaxcel Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC), Cook Peripherally Inserted Central Venous Catheter, Ethicon Endo-surgery 18G/20G/24G Single Lumen BIOVUE Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter Starter Set (catheter and introducer only), Ethicon Endo-surgery 16G/18G Dual Lumen BIOVUE Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter Starter Set (catheter and introducer only)

Cook Urological Ureteral Dilatation Balloon, Flexima Ureteral Catheter, Axcess Ureteral Catheter (6Fr), C-Flex Ureteral Catheter, Dual Lumen Ureteral Catheter

Catheter, Spectranetics 1.4/1.7mm Vitesse Concentric Laser Catheter, Spectranetics 0.9 mm Vitesse C Concentric Laser Catheter (model 110-003)

Catheter, Spectranetics Extreme Laser Catheter, Spectranetics Extreme 0.9mm Coronary Angioplasty Catheter (model 110-001)

Catheter, Scimed 6F Wiseguide Guide Catheter, Cyber Guide Catheter, Merit Medical Systems Trax Interventional Guide Catheter (7Fr), Merit Medical Systems Trax Cavern Interventional Guide Catheter (8Fr), Mighty Max Guide Catheter (7Fr), Triguide-Flex Guide Catheter (10Fr)

Catheter, InDura Intraspinal Catheter, EBI VueCath Steerable Spinal Cathete, Synchronized Vascular Catheter (models 8702, 8700A, 8700V)

Defibrillator, dual chamber, implantable, Ventak Prizm DR HE Models 1853, 1858, Biotronik Tachos DR

Lead, defibrillator, implantable, Endotak SQ Array XP (Model 0085), Endotak SQ Array (models 0048, 0049), Endotak SQ Patch (models 0047, 0063) Endotak Reliance (models 0147, 0148, 0149, S-0127, S-0128, S-0129)

Prosthesis, breast, Mentor Saline-Filled Contour Profile, Mentor Siltx Spectra Mammary Prosthesis, Mentor Siltex Gel-Filled Mammary Prosthesis, Smooth-Surface Gel-Filled Mammary Prosthesis, Meghan Biodimensional Anatomical Tissue Expander Saline-Filled (BioSpan Textured, Style 133, 133FV, 133MV, 133LV), Mentor Tissue Expander, Mentor Contour Profile Tissue Expander, Mentor Siltex Becker Expander/Mammary Prosthesis

Prosthesis, breast, Mentor Saline-Filled Spectrum Contour, Meghan BioCurve Round, BioCell Textured, Saline-Filled Moderate Profile (Style 168), Meghan BioCurve Round, Smooth Saline-Filled Moderate Profile (Style 68), Meghan Biodimensional BioCurve Shaped (BioCell Textured Full Height, Saline Filled, Style 163), Meghan Breast Implant Smooth Silicone-Filled Intrashiel Barrier (Moderate Profile, Round, Style 110), Meghan BioCell Textured Silicone-Filled Intrashiel Barrier (Standard Profile, Round, Style 40)

Prosthesis, penile, Mentor Alpha I inflatable Penile Prosthesis, Mentor Alpha I Narrow-Base inflatable Penile Prosthesis, Mentor Acu-Form Malleable Penile Prosthesis, Mentor Malleable Penile Prosthesis


Guide wire, Hi-Torque Whisper, Zebra Single-Use Exchange Guidewire


Infusion pump, implantable, programmable, SynchroMed EL Infusion Pump, SynchroMed Infusion Pump

Pacemaker, dual chamber, Integrity AFx DR Model 5342, Integrity U DR 5336


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SECTION II

This section is for reference purposes only. These devices with their associated pass-through codes are also listed in Section I of this transmittal.

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Immediately forward this PM electronically to your providers and place it on your website. This PM should also be distributed with your next regularly scheduled bulletin.

The effective date for this PM is January 20, 2001.

The implementation date for this PM is January 31, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after January 20, 2002.

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