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	Change Request 14444

SUBJECT: October 2026 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Quarterly Update Reminder

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EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

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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	N/A

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:

Recurring Update Notification

Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This Change Request (CR) reminds the Medicare contractors that the quarterly update to the HCPCS file is available for them to download. The complete HCPCS file is updated and released quarterly to the Medicare contractors. The file contains existing, new, revised and discontinued HCPCS codes for the October 2026 quarter. Contractors shall retrieve the data via the Cloud when instructed in a separate communication from CMS.

B. Policy: There is no new policy associated with this change request.

III. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CFW	
14444.1	Contractors shall download the HCPCS data from the Cloud service and implement it into their testing and production regions. Note: Date of retrieval will be provided in a separate email communication from CMS.	X	X	X	X		X		X	CMS, CVM, PCS
14444.1.1	Upon email notification from CMS, Data Centers shall download the HCPCS data from the cloud service and work with the A/B		X							Hybrid Cloud Data Center

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	MACs Part B to implement it into their testing and production regions. Note: In the event of unexpected circumstances or issues, CMS shall provide further instruction to the MACs and Data Centers via email to load the Mainframe Files.									(HCDC), PCS
14444.2	CMS shall notify the contractors by email from CMS to the CMS Functional Workgroup. The email shall instruct the contractors what action(s) to take to implement the adjustments/updates, if any adjustments/updates are needed prior to the CR's implementation date, such as a corrected HCPCS file.	X	X	X	X		X		X	CMS, Hybrid Cloud Data Center (HCDC), PDAC
14444.2.1	Contractors shall implement the adjustments/updates to the HCPCS file in accordance with the instructions CMS has sent to the CMS Functional Workgroup.	X	X	X	X		X		X	PDAC

IV. PROVIDER EDUCATION

None

Impacted Contractors: None

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

VI. CONTACTS

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

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