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DME MACs and CMS COVID-19 Updates

Dear Valued Customer,

Change Healthcare is committed to keeping you informed regarding the ongoing publications related to COVID-19. The details are rapidly changing, and these CSAs are one way we are sharing the details that pertain specifically to our pharmacy customers.

This notification is to inform you of the following items recently published by CMS, HHS and the DME MACs as they relate to pharmacies. It also contains an outline of previously published notifications to help consolidate all COVID-19 items into one reference guide.

New / Updated Items of Interest

- **CARES Act Provider Relief Fund**

Immediate Infusion of \$50 billion into healthcare system.

Payments arriving via direct deposit beginning April 10, 2020.

Eligible providers throughout the American healthcare system.

These are payments, not loans, to healthcare providers, and will not need to be repaid.

These payments are unrelated to the Accelerated and Advanced Payments you may have requested from Medicare.

The automatic payments will come from Optum Bank with "HHSPAYMENT" as the payment description.

Additional information about this payment is located at <https://www.hhs.gov/provider-relief/index.html> or contact the US Department of Health and Human Services CARES Provider Relief line at 866-569-3522

- **North Carolina Medicaid Issues Temporary Durable Medical Equipment Flexibilities Due to COVID-19**

Effective March 13, 2020, the flexibility includes allowing for the billing of some previously non-covered items, and also removing the need for a prior authorization from other items. See the link below for details:

<https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/blog/2020/03/13/special-bulletin-covid-19-2-general-guidance-and-policy-modifications>

- **Billing for Multi-Function Ventilators (HCPCS Code E0467) Under the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and Otherwise**

"CMS recognizes that in these important times, in particular, beneficiaries, healthcare clinicians, suppliers, and manufacturers are looking for the broadest possible access to ventilators for their care needs. We are taking a number of steps to increase access to and remind suppliers about certain options available to them and beneficiaries regarding multi-function ventilators. Effective immediately, CMS is suspending claims editing for multi-function ventilators when there are claims for separate devices in history that have not met their reasonable useful lifetime." For more information on multi-function ventilators, see [MLN Matters Special Edition Article SE20012](#).

- **Accelerated/Advance Payment During COVID-19 Emergency Collaborative Webinar**

CGS Provider Education is offering a collaborative webinar for DMEPOS suppliers and Medicare Part A and Part B providers in Jurisdictions 15, B, and C on April 28, 2020 at 2 p.m. ET/1 p.m. CT.

This webinar will provide information about the expansion of the current Accelerated and Advance Payment Program during the COVID-19 public health emergency to extend financial hardship relief to impacted DMEPOS suppliers, Medicare Part A providers, and Part B providers/suppliers. To register, [click here](#)

Previously Published CSAs Related to COVID-19

<u>CSA Title</u>	<u>CSA Publication #</u>	<u>CSA Date</u>
COVID-19 Medicare Day Supply Adjustment	CSA 032020d	March 20, 2020
Financial Payment Changes	CSA 040220e	April 2, 2020
DME MACs and CMS COVID-19 Updates (Privacy over Paperwork – F2F, PA’s, Accreditation, Signature Requirement, Audit suspension)	CSA 041020b	April 10, 2020
DME Macs and CMS COVID-19 Updates (HHS Authorizes Pharmacies to Administer COVID Tests, 2% Sequestration suspended, Accelerated Advanced Payment forms)	CSA 041620a	April 16, 2020

Change Healthcare continues to monitor this rapidly evolving situation and will provide updates as circumstances change.

Change Healthcare is proud to be your business partner and remains committed to your success.

Learn how Change Healthcare is providing technology and business support during the COVID-19 crisis: www.changehealthcare.com/covid-19.

Thanks for your attention to this announcement,

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