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Announcement 1099

Attention Provider Type 33: Prior Authorization Requirement Will Be Updated for Some DMEPOS Procedure Codes

A prior authorization requirement (PA required for all instances) was inappropriately placed on some procedure codes billed by provider type 33 (DMEPOS). The requirement will be corrected and PA will be required only if service limits indicated below are exceeded. A future web announcement will notify providers when the requirement is corrected.

The incorrect prior authorization requirement was placed on the following codes effective with dates of service on or after December 21, 2015. When the requirement is corrected, PA will be required only if service limits indicated below are exceeded.

HCPSC code(s)	Service Limit
A5501	2 in 12 months
E0184, E0185, E0197, E0198 and E0600	1 in 36 months
A4640	1 in 6 months
E0199	1 in 2 months
A7017	1 in 24 months
E0570, K0001 and K0002	1 in 5 years
E0202	3 in a calendar year

The incorrect prior authorization requirement was placed on the following codes effective with dates of service on or after September 1, 2015. When the requirement is corrected, PA will be required only if service limits indicated below are exceeded.

HCPSC code(s)	Service Limit
K0003	1 in 5 years
K0004	1 in 5 years

Until the PA requirements are corrected, please do not request PA for any of the codes listed above, unless the service limits are exceeded. Provide the equipment if the recipient is eligible, follow the service limits listed above, and submit claims for the equipment.

Claims for the above codes with dates of service on or after December 21, 2015 (or September 1, 2015, for codes K0003 and K0004) that denied with edit code 0155 (Procedure requires authorization) inappropriately will be automatically reprocessed. You do not need to resubmit your denied claims. Future web announcements will provide details regarding the claims that will be reprocessed.

If the claim denials create a financial hardship, PT 33 providers may request advance payments by sending an email to Hewlett Packard Enterprise at NevadaProviderTraining@hpe.com. Enter "Advance Payment Request/Financial Hardship" in the subject line and include in the email: the amount of the advance requested; the reason for the request; the provider's National Provider Identifier (NPI) under the PT 33 designation; and the provider's name, address and telephone number. Please allow several business days for the request to be processed.