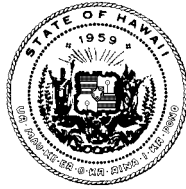


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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Physicians and Providers of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetic, Orthotic Devices and Medical Supplies (DMEPOS)

FROM: Aileen Hiramatsu, Med-QUEST Division Administrator */s/ ah*

SUBJECT: CHANGES IN CODING FOR INCONTINENCE SUPPLIES

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that local codes be replaced by national HCFA Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) codes by October 16, 2003. The Hawaii Medicaid Program has reviewed 2003 HCPCS codes and there will be significant changes to the coding of incontinence supplies.

To efficiently convert to national HCPCS, the Med-QUEST Division (MQD) has created a new 1144A form specifically for authorizing incontinence supplies. This form identifies the national HCPCS codes for covered incontinence items that replace the current codes. Additionally, HCPCS 2003 has changed the description of gloves from "pairs" to "per 100." Therefore, to be consistent with the new description, effective October 1, 2003, please submit the actual number of gloves requested rather than the number of PAIRS of gloves.

The 1144A form and instructions are attached. To expedite authorization and payment of claims, please use this form immediately. Additional copies will be available on MQD's website, *med-quest.us*.

Effective for authorizations received from the date of this notification, ACS will replace the current codes with the national codes. Thus, your authorization letters will indicate the national codes even though your authorization request was submitted with the current codes.

For existing authorizations with expiration dates after October 1, 2003, MQD will convert the current codes to national codes for approved dates of service on or after October 1, 2003. You will receive revised authorization letters with the national codes.

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For your convenience, the table below identifies the current codes, the replacement codes and their descriptions.

Current Code	Replacement National Code	Description
W4335	A4521	Diapers/Adult Small/All Children's
A4335	A4522	Diapers/Adult Medium/Large
W4336	A4524	Diapers/Adult Extra Large
A4554	A4554	Underpads, Large
A4927	*A4927	Gloves, Latex
W4928	*A4927-22	Gloves, Non-Latex

- * Gloves are currently defined as "PAIRS." Effective October 1, 2003, the definition will be changed to be consistent with the HCPCS 2003 definition: "*Gloves, non-sterile, per 100.*" Payment will be 11 cents for each glove for A4927 and 37 cents for A4927-22.

As a reminder, please DO NOT use the modifier "NU" (*new equipment*) on requests for authorization (1144A) or when submitting claims for incontinence supplies.

For questions or clarifications pertaining to this memo only, please call 692-8120.

Attachments