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1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to inform Submitters of upcoming changes to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Eligibility Transaction System (HETS) 270/271 application that may be implemented with the HETS2024-4 release.

2. Overview of Release

The HETS2024-4 release introduces potential changes to the HETS 270 request and HETS 271 response.

The following section documents potential HETS2024-4 changes.

3. Summary of the Impact on Trading Partners

3.1 Support new Diabetes screening test HCPCS

HETS currently supports HCPCS codes 82947, 82950 and 82951 for Diabetes (DIAB) screening tests. Effective with this release, HETS will additionally support the new DIAB code 83036 (*Hemoglobin; glycosylated (A1C)*) on the 270 request.

All other base Medicare Preventive HCPCS Codes Which Return Next Eligible Dates business rules remain unchanged. Refer to Section 7.10.1 of the [HETS 270/271 Companion Guide](#) for additional information on HETS Diabetes screening test HCPCS handling.

3.2 Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) Response Changes

HETS will return MDPP eligibility information in the 271 response when Service Type Code (STC) 'CQ' ('Case Management') is included in the HETS 270 request. Active Medicare Part B coverage is required for MDPP eligibility.

If a Medicare Beneficiary has no prior history of MDPP usage, HETS currently returns a single MDPP HCPCS code of G9873 (representing 'Initiating Payment') on the 271 response. Effective with the HETS2024-4 release, HETS will no longer return HCPCS G9873 on the 271 response for this purpose. The HETS MDPP 271 response will include up to 50 prior occurrences of billed MDPP service. HCPCS code G9873 may still be included in the HETS MDPP 271 response for occurrences that were billed using that code from 2018 – 2023.

Additionally, effective with the HETS2024-4 release, HETS will return any MDPP Period 2 end date that is provided to HETS by the upstream data source. The HETS MDPP 271 currently only returns the Period 2 end date if the Medicare Beneficiary has exhausted their MDPP eligibility. Effectively with this release, the HETS MDPP 271 can return the MDPP Period 2 end date which may be a future value. The MDPP Provider should consider all provided details when calculating service eligibility.

Finally, following this release and effective on January 1, 2025 – [MDPP policy](#) will allow same day delivery of multiple MDPP sessions (regular and make-up sessions). The HETS MDPP 271

response will return prior usage information as it appears in the upstream data source. This includes the possibility of two prior MDPP occurrences with the same Date of Service, billed HCPCS code, and rendering NPI.

All other MDPP business rules are unchanged. Refer to Section 7.22 of the HETS 270/271 Companion Guide for additional information.

3.3 2025 Changes to HETS Supported HCPCS

As part of the HETS2024-4 release, HETS will prepare for industry-mandated changes to HCPCS codes. HETS currently supports two preventive HCPCS codes (G0106 and G0120) which will be terminated effective January 1, 2025. There is no direct replacement for these terminated HCPCS codes.

HETS will continue to accept and support HCPCS codes G0106 and/or G0120 through December 31, 2024. All HETS Submitters must ensure they cease sending G0106 and/or G0120 by January 1, 2025. Any 270 request submitted on or after this date will be rejected with a 999 response for sending an invalid HCPCS code.

All other supported HCPCS codes remain unaffected. Refer to Sections 7.2 and/or 7.10 of the HETS 270/271 Companion Guide for additional information.

Appendix A. Record of Changes

Table 1 provides a record of changes made to this document.

Table 1 - Document Revision History

Version	Date	Description of Changes
3.0	11/7/2024	Updated Section 3.3 to reflect two changes to HETS supported HCPCS effective January 1, 2025. HETS supported HCPCS G0106 and G0120 (both related to Colorectal cancer screening) are being terminated on December 31, 2024. There is no replacement for these codes. HETS Submitters need to ensure they do not submit HCPCS codes G0106 and/or G0120 on or after January 1, 2025 to avoid a 999 response.
2.0	10/31/2024	Reviewed and accepted changes from version 1.1. Editorial review and document finalization.
1.1	10/29/2024	Added 4th paragraph in Section 3.2 to advise that following this release and effective on 1/1/2025, the HETS MDPP 271 response may return what appears to be duplicate prior service instances. MDPP policy will now allow same day delivery of multiple MDPP sessions (regular and make-up sessions); HETS will return MDPP prior usage information as it appears in the upstream data source.
1.0	10/02/2024	Base Version