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Chemotherapy Demonstration Project

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians and non-physician practitioners billing Medicare carriers for chemotherapy services provided to cancer patients in an office-based practice in calendar year (CY) 2005

Key Points

- The effective date of instruction is January 1, 2005.
- The implementation date is January 17, 2005.
- MLN Matters article MM3670 and related Change request (CR) 3670 provide information on the proper G-codes used when participating in the Chemotherapy Demonstration Project associated with caring for cancer patients who receive chemotherapy services in an office-based practice.
- Practitioners participating in the project must provide and document specified services related to pain control management, minimization of nausea and vomiting, and the reduction of fatigue associated with chemotherapy.
- A G-code for pain, nausea/vomiting, and fatigue must appear on the claim for payment to be made under the demonstration.
- Under this demonstration, cancer patients receiving chemotherapy are asked by practitioners about the degree to which they have been bothered by pain, nausea and/or vomiting, and fatigue symptoms.
- Submission of the applicable G-codes and claims will generate additional payment to the practitioner for submitting patient assessment data.
- By reporting the designated G-codes on the claim submitted for payment, the practitioner self-enrolls in the project and agrees to all of the terms and conditions of the demonstration.
- Payment under the demonstration applies only when the designated G-codes are billed in conjunction with chemotherapy service (defined as chemotherapy administered through intravenous push or infusion, using G-codes G0357 or G0359, respectively) to treat cancer.

- The list of the G-codes to be used to report the corresponding levels for each of the three symptoms can be found on pages 2 and 3 of MM3670.

Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3670.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR3670) regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R14DEMO.pdf> on the CMS website.