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New Condition Codes 49 and 50

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Provider Types Affected

Providers who bill fiscal intermediaries (FIs) or regional home health intermediaries (RHHIs)

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is April 1, 2006.
- The implementation date is April 3, 2006.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requested and received new condition codes from the National Uniform Billing Committee to describe situations when a provider receives a product without cost.
- These new condition codes are to be used to describe an item that is provided without cost because it is under warranty, replaced, recalled, or was defective.
- The new codes are to be used in Form Locator 24-30 field on claims as follows:
 - **Code 49: Product Replacement within Product Lifecycle** — Replacement of the product earlier than the anticipated lifecycle due to an indication that the product is not functioning properly—warranty.
 - **Code 50: Product Replacement for Known Recall of a Product** — Manufacturer or Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has identified the product for recall and, therefore, replacement.
- CMS intends to use these codes for tracking purposes initially as they need to be able to track replacements given to Medicare beneficiaries.

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