



New Q Code for In-Line Cartridge Containing Digestive Enzyme(s)

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PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is intended for physicians, providers and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

Change Request (CR) 10626 instructs MACS to add Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code Q9994 to the Level II HCPCS code set effective July 1, 2018. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

BACKGROUND

The HCPCS is divided into two principal subsystems, referred to as Level I and Level II. Level I is comprised of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), a numeric coding system maintained by the American Medical Association (AMA) to identify medical services and procedures furnished by physicians and other health care professionals. The Level II HCPCS is a standardized coding system that is used primarily to identify products, supplies, and services not included in the CPT codes.

Policy Change

Q9994 is added to the Level II HCPCS code set effective July 1, 2018:

- Long Description: In-line cartridge containing digestive enzyme(s) for enteral feeding, each
- Short Description: Enzyme cartridge enteral nut

The billing jurisdiction for this code will be DME MAC.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR 10626, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R4063CP.pdf>.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at <http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list>.

DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date of Change	Description
June 1, 2018	Initial article released.

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