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### **SUBJECT: Removal of KH Modifier from Capped Rental Claims**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** This instruction updates the ViPS Medicare System (VMS) edits to remove the requirement to append the KH rental modifier on purchased capped rental durable medical equipment or parenteral/enteral items and services.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018**

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**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 1, 2018** 

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**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated) R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row*.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE	
R	20/130/130.9/Showing Whether Rented or Purchased	

#### III. FUNDING:

### For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

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#### IV. ATTACHMENTS:

**Business Requirements Manual Instruction** 

# **Attachment - Business Requirements**

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### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- **A. Background:** This instruction updates VMS edits to remove the requirement to append the KH rental modifier (Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) item, inital claim, purchase or first month rental) on purchased capped rental durable medical equipment or parenteral/enteral items and services.
- **B. Policy:** No change in policy. The KH rental modifier is not needed for purchase NU modifier claims processing.

### II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility											
			A/B MAC										Other
		A	В	H H H	M A C	F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F				
10422.1	The contractor shall update VMS to no longer require the KH modifier on capped rental/pen pump purchase claims.							X					
10422.2	The Common Working File (CWF) maintainer shall update the edit to no longer require the KH modifier for claims submitted for purchased PENS pumps reported with modifiers NU or UE.								X				
10422.3	CWF maintainer shall update any alert notifications to replace the KH modifier with "NU or UE".								X				
10422.4	CWF maintainer shall engage in systems testing to ensure that claims will process correctly								X				
10422.5	Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, the Common Working File (CWF) maintainer shall bypass the consistency								X				

Number	Requirement	Re	Responsibility							
			A/B	,	D		Shared-			Other
		N	MA(	$AC \mid M$		System				
					E		aint	aine	ers	
		A	В	Н		F	M	V	C	
				Н	M	-	C	M	W	
				Н	A	S	S	S	F	
					C	S				
	edit when the 'KH', 'KI', or 'KJ' modifiers are									
	submitted on claims for the following codes with the									
	KY modifier that are furnished for use with non-bid									
	wheelchair bases in Round 1 Recompete CBAs:									
	E0985, E1020, E1028, E2228, E2368, E2369, E2370,									
	E2375, K0015, K0070, E0955									

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Re	espo	nsib	ility	,
			A/B MA(		D M E	E
		A	В	H H H	M A C	I
10422.6	MLN Article: A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/ shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within 5 business days after receipt of the notification from CMS announcing the availability of the article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.				X	

### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

## Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements:

<sup>&</sup>quot;Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref	Recommendations or other supporting information:
Requirement	
Number	
10422.4	This includes but is not limited to alert DA01.
10422.3	This includes but is not limited to edit 68X5.

### Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

### V. CONTACTS

**Pre-Implementation Contact(s):** Bobbett Plummer, 410-786-3321 or bobbett.plummer@cms.hhs.gov (For claims processing questions), Karen Jacobs, 410-786-2173 or karen.jacobs@cms.hhs.gov (For policy questions)

**Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

### VI. FUNDING

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# **Medicare Claims Processing Manual** Chapter 20 – Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS)

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Status

# 130.9 - Showing Whether Rented or Purchased

(Rev. 4052, Issued: 05-17-18, Effective: 10-01-18, Implementation: 10-01-18) Claims must specify whether equipment is rented or purchased. For purchased equipment, the itemized bill or claim must also indicate whether equipment is new or used. If the provider or supplier fails to indicate on an assigned claim whether equipment was new or used, the MAC processing the claims assumes purchased equipment is used and process the claim accordingly, i.e., they pay on the basis of the used r o

purchase fee. If an unassigned purchase claim does not specify whether the item was new or used, MACs develop the claim with the supplier. The following table indicates the HCPCS modifiers which are added to the equipment code to indicate its status: Modifier -BP
-BR
-BU
-КН
-KI
-KJ
-NR
-NU -RR
-UE

The beneficiary has been informed of the purchase and rental options and has elected to purchase the item The beneficiary has been informed of the purchase and rental options and has elected to rent the item The beneficiary has been informed of the purchase and rental options and after 30 days has not informed the supplier of his/her decision DMEPOS item, initial claim, purchase or first month rental (no longer required for purchased (NU modifier claims) on or after 10/1/18)

DMEPOS item, second or third month rental DMEPOS item, PEN pump or capped rental months four to fifteen New when rented (use the 'NR' modifier when an item that was new at the time of rental is subsequently purchased) New equipment

Rental (use the 'RR' modifier when

DME is to be rented)

Used durable medical equipment (no longer requires the KH modifier for claims submitted on or

*after 10/1/18*)

HHAs report the appropriate modifier using the ASC X12 837 institutional claim format, or Form CMS-1450 following the appropriate HCPCS code. A/B MACs (HHH) accept 7 positions in this field for data entry purposes.