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# PROGRAM MEMORANDUM INTERMEDIARIES/CARRIERS

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## CHANGE REQUEST 1053

**SUBJECT: April Quarterly Update for 2000 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule**

This Program Memorandum (PM) provides specific instructions regarding the April quarterly update for the 2000 DMEPOS fee schedule. General instructions regarding the quarterly update schedule for the 2000 DMEPOS fee schedule were provided in a PM to carriers and intermediaries in October of 1999 (AB-99-72, Change Request 976). Based on these earlier instructions, you must submit the base year fee amounts for the April 2000 quarterly update to HCFA central office by January 28, 2000. The April 2000 DMEPOS fee schedule file will be made available to the carriers by February 11, 2000. Separate instructions will be issued regarding the release of this file to the fiscal intermediaries.

Base fee schedule amounts for HCPCS codes A4232 and E0784 should be gap-filled by the DMERCs in accordance with instructions located in §5102.2 of the Medicare Carriers Manual, except that base fees submitted to HCFA central office should not be updated by any covered item update factors other than the 1.7 percent (1989) update factor for base fees for DME and prosthetics and orthotics.

Corrected base fee schedule amounts for Puerto Rico should be submitted for HCPCS codes E0570, L1210, L1220, L1230, L2525, L5270, L5310, L5330, L5340, L5430, L6580, L6588, L6590, L6873, L6900, L6905, L6925, L6930, L6935, L7010, L7015, L7030, L7170, L7185, L7186, L7190, L7191.

*The effective dates for this PM are: April 1, 2000, for fee schedules established for new HCPCS codes that are effective April 1, 2000; and January 1, 2000, for fee schedules for HCPCS codes that were effective prior to April 1, 2000.*

*The implementation date for this PM is April 1, 2000.*

**Any questions regarding these instructions should be directed to Joel Kaiser on (410) 786-4499. Questions regarding the transmission of the file, the file layout, and submission of base fees to central office should be directed to Mary Anne Stevenson on (410) 786-1818.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded January 1, 2001.**