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Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies Fee Schedule Change for 2016

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has updated the 2016 fee schedule for durable medical equipment (DME), prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS). This change applies to Health Net of Arizona, Inc. and Health Net Life Insurance Company (Health Net) commercial and Medicare providers submitting claims for items or services paid under the DMEPOS fee schedule.

Effective January 1, 2016, DMEPOS fee schedules have been updated to include the rural ZIP code rates for certain HCPCS codes. The pricing is based on whether a member resides in a ZIP code that is included on the rural ZIP code list, and if the DMEPOS code billed includes a rural rate. The 2016 DMEPOS fee schedule containing both rural and non-rural rates is available on the CMS website at www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/DMEPOSFeeSched.

Only certain HCPCS codes include both rural and non-rural rates. All other HCPCS codes include non-rural rates only, and rural pricing never applies to these codes.

Providers are reimbursed using the CMS DMEPOS fee schedule when:

- Dispensing and billing DMEPOS for a Medicare member.
- The *Provider Participation Agreement (PPA)* includes pricing for DMEPOS at the Medicare allowable amount (MAA).

Providers should notify their billing staff so they are aware of the changes and use the appropriate HCPCS code when submitting claims.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information regarding the fee schedule change is available in the CMS MLN Matters MM9431 publication online at www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM9431.pdf.

Providers are encouraged to access Health Net's provider portal online at provider.healthnet.com for real-time information, including eligibility verification, claims status, prior authorization status, plan summaries, and more.

If you have questions regarding the information contained in this update, contact the Health Net Provider Services Center by email at AZ_InternetProviderInquiries@healthnet.com, through the Health Net provider website at provider.healthnet.com, or by telephone as listed in the right-hand column.

THIS UPDATE APPLIES TO ARIZONA PROVIDERS:

- Physicians
- Medical Groups/IPAs
- Hospitals
- Ancillary Providers

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- Advantage Platinum (HMO)
- Advantage Platinum (PPO, POS)
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