



2010 HCPCS Level II Update- 12/18/2009

On December 18, 2009, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) posted a correction to the Annual 2010 HCPCS Level II file that was released in early November. We are committed to providing you with the information you need for accurate and compliant assignment of HCPCS Level II codes. A summary of the CMS corrections is listed below.

Four codes had changes made to their full descriptions. The updated descriptions are as follows:

- C8923 Transthoracic echocardiography with contrast, or without contrast followed by with contrast, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, complete, without spectral or color Doppler echocardiography

- C8924 Transthoracic echocardiography with contrast, or without contrast followed by with contrast, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording when performed, follow-up or limited study

- C8928 Transthoracic echocardiography with contrast, or without contrast followed by with contrast, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, during rest and cardiovascular stress test using treadmill, bicycle exercise and/or pharmacologically induced stress, with interpretation and report

- L8680 Implantable neurostimulator electrode, each

There are eight codes in the correction file whose coverage indicator is changing back to "1" which means these codes are "Not Payable by Medicare." These codes will appear with a red color bar in the next edition of HCPCS. The affected codes are S2118, S2270, S3628, S3711, S3860, S3861, S3862, and S9433.

Please note, additional updates to the January 2010 HCPCS file may be posted by CMS after this notification. To view these updates you can go to www.aapc.com.