



All Providers

2006 January Quarterly HCPCS Codes Update

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the 2006 January Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes update. The update includes HCPCS C codes used for services paid by the Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System, and HCPCS G codes used to report Medicare-approved demonstration project services. These codes are not used by the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) and are noncovered in IndianaAIM.

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Pharmacies and Prescribing Providers

Accessing Program Information for Medicaid Drug Rebate and Federal Upper Limits

Providers may now verify a manufacturer's participation in the CMS federal Medicaid Drug Rebate Program by visiting <http://www.indianapbm.com/>, and selecting **Drug Rebate Labelers** from the *Pharmacy Services* menu. In addition, providers can access CMS Web site for the latest rates and information for the Federal Upper Limits (FUL) Program by selecting **Federal Upper Limits (FUL) Program (FMAC)** from the *Pharmacy Services* menu, or by visiting <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/FederalUpperLimits/>. Providers may e-mail questions to PDL@fssa.state.in.us.

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage – Medicare Part D

Effective January 1, 2006, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented the new Medicare prescription drug coverage, also known as Medicare Part D. This coverage is a new benefit to help Medicare members pay for prescription drugs.

The IHCP Web site includes a section titled *Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage*. Providers should visit this section periodically at <http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/ProviderServices/MedicareD.asp> for the latest information.

For more information about the Medicare prescription drug benefit, visit the CMS Web site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovGenIn/>.