



## All Providers

### Consumer Fraud Alert

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a consumer alert June 16, 2006, regarding the “\$299 Ring” -- a scheme to defraud seniors and people with disabilities. Under this scheme, callers contact Medicare beneficiaries promising a new prescription drug card for a flat fee of \$299, and request beneficiary bank account numbers that are then used to electronically withdraw the money. CMS has learned that a new variation on the scheme requests higher dollar amounts and promises a new Medicare card, instead of a prescription drug plan. Callers have been using the names of fictitious companies, such as **Pharma Corp., National Medical Office, Medicare National Office, and National Medicare.**

Those who think they are victims of this scheme are encouraged to call 1-877-7SAFERX (1-877-772-3379), the Medicare Rx Fraud Waste and Abuse Hotline, or their local law enforcement agency.

For more information, visit the CMS Web site at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/States>.

### Vaccines for Children

Effective July 17, 2006, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) announces that the vaccine for Hepatitis A pediatric/adolescent dosage will be available through the Vaccines for Children program. Therefore, for dates of service on or after July 17, 2006, reimbursement for Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes 90633 – *Hepatitis A vaccine, pediatric/adolescent dosage – 2-dose schedule, for intramuscular use* and 90634 – *Hepatitis A vaccine, pediatric/adolescent dosage – 3-dose schedule, for intramuscular use*, is the lesser of the \$8 administration fee or the billed amount.

### July 2006, Quarterly HCPCS Codes Update

The purpose of this article is to notify providers of the coverage determinations for the July 2006, quarterly updates to the HCPCS codes.

*Note: Non-covered, as it appears in the following tables indicates that the IHCP does not cover the service described in the code. Non-reimbursable indicates that the service described in the code is either billable under another code, or is part of global billing.*

**New HCPCS Codes (Table 1):** The new codes are identified in Table 1 by procedure code, description, prior authorization (PA) requirements, allowed modifiers, and program coverage status. Providers may bill these codes for effective dates of service on or after July 1, 2006. The standard global billing procedures and edits apply when using the new codes. The July 2006, Quarterly HCPCS Codes may be accessed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets>.

HCPCS codes K0734 through K0737 are new codes to report adjustable skin protection and positioning seat cushions currently reported with HCPCS code K0108 and modifier U1, U2, U3, or U4. The IHCP created the procedure code to modifier combinations in order to mirror Medicare policy for the use of HCPCS code K0108 for adjustable seat cushions as published in provider banner [BR200536](#). Adjustable cushions are purchase-only items by the IHCP, and providers must attach the NU modifier when billing to the IHCP. Pricing established for adjustable and positioning seat cushions as published in [BR200536](#) is applied to HCPCS codes K0734 through K0737, effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2006. Providers are allowed to report procedure code K0108 and modifier U1, U2, U3, or U4 for skin protection and positioning seat cushions for dates of service through August 31, 2006.

**Contact Information:** Providers should direct questions about this article to Customer Assistance at (317) 655-3240 in the Indianapolis local area, or at 1-800-577-1278.

Table 1 – New July 2006, Quarterly HCPCS Codes, Effective for Dates of Service On or After July 1, 2006

Procedure Code	Description	PA Requirements	Modifiers	Program Coverage
C9229	Injection, ibandronate sodium, per 1 mg	Not Applicable for All Programs		Non-Reimbursable for All Programs
C9230	Injection, abatacept, per 10 mg	Not Applicable for All Programs		Non-Reimbursable for All Programs
K0733	Power wheelchair accessory, 12 to 24 amp hour sealed lead acid battery, each (e.g. gel cell, absorbed glassmat)	Yes for All Programs	NU, RR	Covered for All Programs
K0734	Skin protection wheelchair seat cushion, adjustable, width less than 22 inches, any depth	Yes for All Programs	NU	Covered for All Programs Effective 09/01/2006
K0735	Skin protection wheelchair seat cushion, adjustable, width 22 inches or greater, any depth	Yes for All Programs	NU	Covered for All Programs Effective 09/01/2006
K0736	Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushion, adjustable, width less than 22 inches, any depth	Yes for All Programs	NU	Covered for All Programs Effective 09/01/2006
K0737	Skin protection and positioning wheelchair seat cushion, adjustable, width 22 inches or greater, any depth	Yes for All Programs	NU	Covered for All Programs Effective 09/01/2006

### Change to Web interChange Password Guidelines

Effective June 28, 2006, the password guidelines for Web interChange users are changing. All new Web interChange passwords must comply with the following new guidelines:

- Passwords must be a minimum of eight characters and a maximum of 14 characters in length.
- New passwords may not be the same as any of the user's previous 13 passwords.

Web interChange users are required to change passwords every 90 days and must comply with the new guidelines the first time they are prompted to change passwords after June 28, 2006.

The following guidelines are currently in place, and do not change:

- Passwords must contain at least one item from at least three of the following groups:
  - At least one number (0 – 9)
  - At least 1 lower case letter
  - At least 1 upper case letter
  - At least 1 special character: defined as: ! " # \$ % & ' ( ) \* + , - . / : ; < = > ? @ [ \ ] ^ \_ ` { | }
- Passwords are case sensitive.
- Passwords cannot contain the user ID, user name, company name, replicated sequence of characters, or any complete dictionary words.
- Invalid password attempts are restricted to three. If after three attempts the user has not entered the correct password, the user's ID will be disabled and the user must reset the password. Users who are accessing Web interChange using a unique user ID (not a provider number) can use the auto-password reset, or they can have their administrators reset their password. To have their passwords reset, users accessing Web interChange using a provider number must call the EDS EDI Solutions Help Desk at (317) 488-5160, option 2 in the Indianapolis area, or toll free at 1-877-877-5182.

### Reminder for Web interChange Users

- Do not share your interChange user ID or password. This is a violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Security Rule.
- All providers using Web interChange must assign an administrator for their organization. Instructions for assigning a Web interChange administrator can be found by following the **How To Obtain An ID** link on the *Welcome to Web interChange* page of the IHCP Web site at <https://interchange.indianamedicaid.com>.
- Do not post or display your user ID and password where others may have access.

### **National Provider Identifier Information**

An NPI Web page is now part of the IHCP Web site at <http://www.indianamedicaid.com/ihcp/ProviderServices/npi.asp>. This page contains information about the *IHCP NPI Implementation Plan*, instructions for obtaining an NPI, links to other resources on the Web, and informational documents such as the *NPI Fact Sheet*.

## **All Pharmacy and Prescribing Providers**

### **OTC Drug Formulary Addition**

As referenced in bulletin [BR200614](#), Magonate liquid is added to the Over-the-Counter (OTC) Drug Formulary, and the following rate of 0.04125 is assigned to this product. This rate is effective on July 1, 2006.

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