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**To: All Physicians, Pharmacists, Home Health Agencies,
End Stage Renal Disease Clinics, and Medical Supply
and Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers**

Subject: New Local Codes for Sterile and Non-Sterile Gloves

Note: The information in this bulletin regarding prior authorization, payment methodology and max fees may vary for providers rendering services to members enrolled in the risk-based managed care (RBMC) delivery system.

Overview

Effective October 23, 2000, the new local codes presented in this bulletin must be used to bill for either non-sterile or sterile gloves. These local codes are not to be used for billing gloves supplied for end-stage renal disease (ESRD)/dialysis services because reimbursement for these gloves is included in the payment for dialysis services.

Presently, non-sterile and sterile gloves are reimbursed under the Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II subcategory *Supplies for ESRD* using code A4927 (gloves, sterile or non-sterile, per pair) or by using one of the National Drug Codes (NDCs), Universal Product Codes (UPCs), or National Health Related Items Codes (HRIs) designated for gloves.

Effective October 23, 2000, HCPCS code A4927 and all NDC, HRI, and UPC codes for sterile and non-sterile gloves should not be billed to the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP). All providers and suppliers, including pharmacies, wishing to submit claims to IHCP for either non-sterile gloves or sterile gloves must bill on the HCFA-1500 claim form, using the appropriate HCPCS Level III (local) codes.

Prior authorization will not be required for gloves, either sterile or non-sterile.

New Local Code for Non-Sterile Gloves

Effective October 23, 2000, the new local code Z5111 must be used to bill for non-sterile gloves. One unit equals one non-sterile glove, each. Charges must be submitted on a HCFA-1500 claim form.

Z5111, One Non-sterile Glove, Each

This code is not to be used for billing gloves supplied for ESRD/dialysis services, since reimbursement for these gloves is included in the payment for dialysis services.

The IHCP maximum allowable for Z5111 is \$0.10 per non-sterile glove, each; however, in accordance with the provider agreement and the regulations governing this program, providers may not bill the program any amount that exceeds their usual and customary charge to the general public.

Reimbursement will be made only for non-sterile gloves used by the patient, family or other non-paid caregiver.

Some examples of a medical need for a non-sterile glove include the following:

- A bowel program requiring manual evacuation
- An ostomy care program
- A wound care program

New Local Code for Sterile Gloves, One Pair

Effective October 23, 2000, the new local code Z5110 must be used to bill for sterile gloves, packaged. One unit equals one pair of gloves, sterile, packaged. Charges must be submitted on a HCFA-1500 claim form.

Z5110, One Packaged Pair of Sterile Gloves; One Unit Equals One Pair of Gloves, Sterile, Packaged

This code is not to be used for billing gloves supplied for ESRD/dialysis services, since reimbursement for these gloves is included in the payment for dialysis services.

The IHCP maximum allowable for Z5110 is \$0.65 per packaged pair; however, in accordance with the provider agreement and the regulations governing this program, providers may not bill the program any amount that exceeds their usual and customary charge to the general public.

Often medically necessary sterile gloves are included in sterile procedure kits such as catheter insertion kits, suture removal kits, and so forth. Items included in kits should not be billed separately.

*Note: Providers are reminded that both sterile and non-sterile gloves are considered as medical supply items. As such, when the member is a resident of a nursing facility, the gloves are included in the per diem reimbursed and therefore are **not** separately billable by either the nursing facility or any other enrolled provider.*

Documentation Required For All Gloves Supplied

Documentation of medical need will be required for all gloves, non-sterile and sterile. The supplier should maintain a signed physician's order in the patient record with a start and stop date, frequency of treatment and type of treatment for which gloves will be medically used. Documentation should indicate the reason the gloves have been ordered by the physician as part of the plan of care. Physician's orders must be renewed at least every six months to ensure ongoing need for gloves and to reflect any changes in the plan of care in the home treatment setting.

Providers must maintain records of the quantities supplied. If these supplies are delivered or mailed, proof of delivery records must also be maintained.

Further Information

Questions about this bulletin may be directed to the Health Care Excel (HCE) Medical Policy Department at (317) 347-4500. Questions about the billing procedures referenced in this bulletin may be directed to EDS Customer Assistance at (317) 655-3240 in the Indianapolis local area or 1-800-577-1278.