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DME and Diabetic Supply Code Changes

HCPCS code changes for many DME items and all diabetic supplies became effective for dates of service on or after November 1, 2004, including a significant number of changes in codes for custom wheelchairs. The new codes **must** be used to authorize and claim for dates of service (DOS) on or after November 1. Authorizations issued now for anticipated DOS on or after November 1 must use the new codes.

Some DME authorizations may need to be reissued with the correct codes for dates of service after December 31, 2004. New NDC codes for diabetic supplies (lancets and test strips) also became effective on November 1, 2004. However, the old diabetic supply codes will remain valid for authorizations issued before November 1. There is no similar grace period for DME.

CCS Numbered Letter 07-1004 provides a summary of important code and modifier information, and assistance in interpreting the information in the Medi-Cal Manual and bulletins. However, this N.L. in no way attempts to provide a complete list of new codes. It is essential that both providers and County CCS staff read Medi-Cal Allied Health Bulletins and the Provider Manual updates which are available now for review at the Medi-Cal website www.medi-cal.ca.gov.