



Bulletin #01-2011

TO: Participating hospitals

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SUBJECT: Outpatient pharmacy/injectable billing errors

We have recently identified an increase in incorrectly billed outpatient pharmacy/injectable claims.

When billing for outpatient pharmacy/injectable services, providers must bill using the most appropriate CPT[®] or HCPCS code. Unlisted and/or non-specific CPT or HCPCS codes are acceptable *only* for drugs that do not have a more specific code available. We have identified a high volume of codes billed with an unlisted and/or non-specific code; however, based on the submitted National Drug Code, they should have been billed with a more specific CPT or HCPCS code.

We will continue to retract erroneous payments for outpatient claims being billed incorrectly with unlisted and/or non-specific CPT or HCPCS codes when a more specific code was available. If you have any questions about this issue, please contact your Network Coordinator.

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We encourage you to share this information with appropriate members of your staff.
