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Navicare Installs 2005 CPT and HCPCS Codes

On January 14, 2005 Navicare installed the 2005 CPT and HCPCS Codes. Claims with 2005 dates of service will now be validated against the 2005 procedure codes. Please note that several commonly used codes in prior years were deleted for 2005.

Below is an excerpt from Medicare detailing the deletion of G0001 (Note: G0001 will continue to be accepted for 2004 and prior dates of service). There are several other codes that have deleted as well, so be sure to refer to your Medicare bulletins or 2005 HCPCS and CPT codes to verify the codes you are using are still active.

Please note that while this is a GA Medicare notice, all Medicare intermediaries follow the same guidelines that are set forth by CMS.

Dear Georgia WebNews Members,

2005 Update for Routine Venipuncture

For 2005, HCPCS code G0001 has been deleted. Therefore, the 2005 Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule will no longer include HCPCS code G0001, routine venipuncture for collection of specimen(s).

Effective January 1, 2005, CPT code 36415 for collection of venous blood by venipuncture will be payable by Medicare. This service may be safely and effectively performed by a properly trained and licensed non-physician professional on peripheral superficial veins of the upper and lower extremities and does not necessitate the physician's skill.

CPT code 36410, venipuncture, age 3 years or older, necessitating physician's skill (separate procedure), for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes (not to be used for routine venipuncture) may be used for services performed on veins of the neck (e.g., external or internal jugular), or on deep (central) veins of the thorax (e.g., subclavian), or groin (e.g., femoral vein), and the rare peripheral venipuncture for which the skill of a qualified individual properly trained in venipuncture techniques has been clearly demonstrated to be insufficient to obtain an acceptable specimen from suitable peripheral superficial veins of upper or lower extremities.

CPT code 36416, collection of capillary blood specimen (e.g., finger, heel, ear stick) continues to remain invalid for Medicare purposes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or e-mail Navicare at:

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