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TO: Radiology Providers in the Nebraska Medicaid Program

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RE: Radiology Contrast Coding---Q Codes

EFFECTIVE: April 1, 2005 and July 1, 2005

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) created new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for radiology contrast materials. The HCPCS codes effective April 1, 2005 are Q9945-Q9957, and HCPCS codes effective July 1, 2005 are Q9958-Q9964. Please review the new codes and the descriptions listed below. Note that all are to be billed per ml, except Q9954 is per 100 ml. Nebraska Medicaid does not require a copy of your radiology contrast supply invoice with your claim.

Appropriate and adequate reimbursement is dependent upon use of the correct HCPCS code for each radiology contrast material.

The new Q codes effective April 1, 2005:

<u>HCPCS Code</u>	<u>Long Descriptor</u>	<u>Reimbursement/ml</u>
Q9945	Low osmolar contrast material, up to 149 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml	\$0.496
Q9946	Low osmolar contrast material, 150-199 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml	\$1.959
Q9947	Low osmolar contrast material, 200-249 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml	\$0.772
Q9948	Low osmolar contrast material, 250-299 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml	\$0.650
Q9949	Low osmolar contrast material, 300-349 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml	\$0.397

Q9950	Low osmolar contrast material, 350-399 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml	\$0.262
Q9951	Low osmolar contrast material, 400 or greater mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml	70% Billed Charges, until Medicare rate set
Q9952	Injection, gadolinium-based magnetic resonance contrast agent, per ml	\$2.957
Q9953	Injection, iron-based magnetic resonance contrast agent, per ml	70% Billed Charges, until Medicare rate set
Q9954	Oral magnetic resonance contrast agent, per 100 ml	\$8.844/100 ml
Q9955	Injection, perflerane lipid microspheres, per ml	\$13.250
Q9956	Injection, octafluoropropane microspheres, per ml	\$40.669
Q9957	Injection, perflutren lipid microspheres, per ml	\$62.348

*****HCPCS codes Q9945-Q9951 will replace codes A4644-A4646; and
HCPCS codes Q9952-Q9954 will replace codes A4643 and A4647.

*****Use Q9955-Q9957 to report specific echocardiography contrast agents, all other
echocardiography contrast agents not described by Q9955-Q9957 shall be reported with
A9700.

Additional Q Codes, effective July 1, 2005:

<u>HCPCS Code</u>	<u>Long Descriptor</u>
Q9958	High osmolar contrast material, up to 149 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml
Q9959	High osmolar contrast material, 150-199 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml
Q9960	High osmolar contrast material, 200-249 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml
Q 9961	High osmolar contrast material, 250-299 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml
Q9962	High osmolar contrast material, 300-349 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml
Q9963	High osmolar contrast material, 350-399 mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml
Q9964	High osmolar contrast material, 400 or greater mg/ml iodine concentration, per ml

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