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SUBJECT: New Physician Specialty Code for Epileptologists

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this Change Request (CR) is to establish a new physician specialty code for Epileptologists (F6).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: July 1, 2024

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
R	26/10.8/10.8.2/Physician Specialty Codes

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

**Business Requirements
Manual Instruction**

Attachment - Business Requirements

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This CR will establish a new physician specialty code for Epileptologists (F6). Physicians self-designate their Medicare physician specialty on the Medicare enrollment application (CMS-855I or CMS-855O) or Internet-based Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) when they enroll in the Medicare program. Medicare physician specialty codes describe the specific/unique types of medicine that physicians (and certain other suppliers) practice. Specialty codes are used by CMS for programmatic and claims processing purposes.

B. Policy: The CMS has established new physician specialty code for Epileptologists (F6).

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
13425 - 04.1	Contractors shall make all necessary changes to recognize and use the new physician specialty code Epileptologists (F6) as valid primary specialty codes or a secondary specialty code for enrollment and claims processing.		X		X		X			HIGLAS, IDR, RRB-SMAC
13425 - 04.2	Contractors shall assign provider type code 20 for MDs and 21 for DOs.		X				X			
13425 - 04.3	Contractors shall update the online Parameter (PARM) to include Epileptologists (F6) as valid home health physician specialty codes.	X		X						
13425 - 04.4	Contractors shall update the taxonomy combination to the HxxTTXM1 table in		X							

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		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
	the Multi-Carrier System (MCS) for Part B claims processing. The taxonomy code for Epileptologists (F6) is 2084E0001X.									
13425 - 04.5	PECOS shall make the necessary changes to recognize and use the new physician specialty code Epileptologists (F6) as a valid specialty code.									PECOS
13425 - 04.6	<p>PECOS shall populate the following extracts with the new physician specialty Epileptologists (F6):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordering/Referring • Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Method II Attending and Rendering • Verification of the attending, operating, or other physician or non-physician practitioner listed on a CAH claim is eligible and is enrolled in PECOS • Line level referring National Provider Identifier fields 									PECOS
13425 - 04.7	<p>Contractors shall recognize Epileptologists (F6) as a valid specialty type for the following edits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordering/Referring • CAH Method II Attending and Rendering • Attending, operating, or 	X	X	X	X					

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		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
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	other physician or non-physician practitioner listed on a CAH claim									
13425 - 04.8	Contractors shall accept CMS-855I and CMS-855O submissions with the Undefined Physician Type option selected, specifying Epileptologists (F6) until the forms can be updated with the new specialty.		X							
13425 - 04.9	The effective date of the new specialty shall not be prior to July 1, 2024.		X							

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	CEDI
		A	B	HHH		
13425 - 04.10	Medicare Learning Network® (MLN): CMS will market provider education content through the MLN Connects® newsletter shortly after CMS releases the CR. MACs shall follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1 instructions for distributing the MLN Connects newsletter information to providers and link to relevant information on your website. You may supplement MLN content with your local information after we release the MLN Connects newsletter. Subscribe to the “MLN Connects” listserv to get MLN content notifications. You don’t need to separately track and report MLN content releases when you distribute MLN Connects newsletter content per the manual section referenced above.		X			

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
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Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

VI. FUNDING

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ATTACHMENTS: 0

10.8.2 - Physician Specialty Codes

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Code	Physician Specialty
01	General Practice
02	General Surgery
03	Allergy/Immunology
04	Otolaryngology
05	Anesthesiology
06	Cardiology
07	Dermatology
08	Family Practice
09	Interventional Pain Management
10	Gastroenterology
11	Internal Medicine
12	Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
13	Neurology
14	Neurosurgery
16	Obstetrics/Gynecology
17	Hospice and Palliative Care
18	Ophthalmology
19	Oral Surgery (dentists only)
20	Orthopedic Surgery
21	Cardiac Electrophysiology
22	Pathology
23	Sports Medicine
24	Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
25	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
26	Psychiatry
27	Geriatric Psychiatry
28	Colorectal Surgery (formerly proctology)
29	Pulmonary Disease
30	Diagnostic Radiology
33	Thoracic Surgery
34	Urology
35	Chiropractic
36	Nuclear Medicine
37	Pediatric Medicine
38	Geriatric Medicine
39	Nephrology
40	Hand Surgery
41	Optometry
44	Infectious Disease
46	Endocrinology
48	Podiatry
66	Rheumatology
70	Single or Multispecialty Clinic or Group Practice
72	Pain Management
76	Peripheral Vascular Disease
77	Vascular Surgery
78	Cardiac Surgery
79	Addiction Medicine
81	Critical Care (Intensivists)
82	Hematology
83	Hematology/Oncology

Code	Physician Specialty
84	Preventive Medicine
85	Maxillofacial Surgery
86	Neuropsychiatry
90	Medical Oncology
91	Surgical Oncology
92	Radiation Oncology
93	Emergency Medicine
94	Interventional Radiology
98	Gynecological/Oncology
99	Unknown Physician Specialty
C0	Sleep Medicine
C3	Interventional Cardiology
C5	Dentist
C6	Hospitalist
C7	Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology
C8	Medical Toxicology
C9	Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy
D3	Medical Genetics and Genomics
D4	Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine
D7	Micrographic Dermatologic Surgery
D8	Adult Congenital Heart Disease
E1	Marriage and Family Therapist
E2	Mental Health Counselors
E3	Dental Anesthesiology
E4	Dental Public Health
E5	Endodontics
E6	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
E7	Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
E9	Oral Medicine
F1	Orofacial Pain
F2	Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics
F3	Pediatric Dentistry
F4	Periodontics
F5	Prosthodontics

F6 Epileptologists