

# PARA Updates



## Point of Interest:

- New CPT Assistant in PDE
- Physician Supervision Rules
- 2009 Market Data
- Updates to PDE

## Have Coding Questions?

*Are you wondering what CPT code to add to your chargemaster? Is your compliance department asking you to provide documentation on the correct CPT code assignment? Are you auditing medical records from two years ago, and do not have a CPT book from 2008 to validate the correct codes?*

If you answered yes to any of these questions, PARA can help! We now have the CPT Assistant in the Para Data Editor (PDE). The CPT Assistant has coding information and documentation from the last 20 years!

The CPT Assistant can help by explaining the proper uses of codes, editorials from coding experts and interpretations of the correct coding combinations. This is a great asset to your revenue cycle and compliance programs to assure appropriate coding within your facility.

For additional information, please contact your Account Executive at [sales@para-hcfs.com](mailto:sales@para-hcfs.com).

## 2009 Market Data is Available

Are you wondering how your pricing looks in comparison to your competitors? Worry no more, the most up to date market data is now available. CMS just released the 2009 MedPar data, and we are ready to give you the details you need.

Our pricing team can help you run the pricing iterations you need, based on the details you provide. We can also tailor the iterations to certain service lines, or just focus on room and board charges.

Your pricing is imperative to accurate and appropriate reimbursement, and PARA has the tools you need to accomplish your pricing and reimbursement goals. Please contact Sean Liley for additional information regarding the MedPar Data and our pricing services at [sliley@para-hcfs.com](mailto:sliley@para-hcfs.com).

## What is Physician Supervision?

Did you know that effective January 1, 2010, CMS changed the Physician Supervision requirements? "All hospital outpatient diagnostic services provided directly or under arrangement, whether provided in the hospital, an a physician building of a hospital, or at a non-hospital location, follow the physician supervision requirements for individual tests as listed in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Relative Value File." (Federal Register, 2009)

There are different levels of physician supervision, some of which could be problematic for some hospital outpatient departments.

**General Supervision:** The procedure is furnished under the physician's overall direction and control, but the physician's presence is not required during the performance of the procedure.

**Direct Supervision:** The physician or NPP must be present on the same campus and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction throughout the performance of the procedure.

**Personal Supervision:** The physician must be in attendance in the room during the performance of the procedure.

Lastly, Cardiac, Pulmonary and Intensive Cardiac rehabilitation programs require **direct supervision** of a doctor of medicine or osteopathy.

PARA has created tools in the PDE to assist our clients in complying with the Physician Supervision Rules. Please contact Ilah Nau-dasher at [inaudasher@para-hcfs.com](mailto:inaudasher@para-hcfs.com) for assistance.

## Urine Drug Screen Changes

Effective April 1, 2010, CMS changed the coding and regulations for billing of Urine Drug Screens. Transmittal 653 addresses the newly created HCPCS codes and how providers should use these codes when performing Urine Drug Screens.

- CPT 80101 is not covered under Medicare; adjust your chargemasters accordingly.
- CPT 80100 is defined as Drug screen, qualitative; multiple drug classes *chromatographic method*, each procedure
- HCPCS G0430 is defined as Drug screen, qualitative; multiple drug classes *other than chromatographic method*, each procedure
- HCPCS G0431 is defined as G0431 – Drug screen, qualitative; single drug class method (e.g., immunoassay, enzyme assay), each drug class

It is important to note that CMS is defining the per procedure verbiage for those situations when a urine drug screen is performed utilizing one patient sample, on a single date of service, producing single or multiple results. It is not appropriate to use the per drug class HCPCS code for a single test that yields multiple results.

Make sure your chargemasters are updated to reflect these changes, and be sure your laboratory departments know how to use the new HCPCS codes. Contact Ilah Naudasher at [inaudasher@para-hcfs.com](mailto:inaudasher@para-hcfs.com) with any questions.

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## HELP!

*Do you not know what the PDE is, do you struggle maneuvering around the PDE? If yes, PARA is here to help.*

The PDE is a fully functional web based solution for our clients coding and billing needs.

If you need a refresher course, or need trained for the first time, contact Mary McDonnell at [mmcdonnell@para-hcfs.com](mailto:mmcdonnell@para-hcfs.com) for assistance.

## Updates to the PDE

Below is a summarization of changes to the PARA Date Editor:

- Advisory Tab houses regulatory updates and changes from Medicare, OIG and other Regulatory bodies
- Medical necessity validation in the PDE Calculator
- PARA white papers
- Links to LCD/NCD's when using the PDE Calculator
- Access to CPT Assistant documents
- Physician Supervision edits in Calculator and Filter
- New additions to hospital downloads section
- Bulletin Board highlights

### PARA Data Editor - Demonstration Hospital [Sales]

Select Quote A Price Charge Maintenance Contracts Pricing Data Pricing Rx / Supplies Filters CDM Calculator Advisor

Report Selection

**1 Configure your report options:** [Instructions](#)

HCPCS / CPT® Codes Report Options

Select State: CALIFORNIA or Enter Zip Code: 92807  
 Search Zip Code

Select City: ANAHEIM

**2 Make your report selection(s):**  Exclude Dis

2010 CPT® Codes

HCPCS / CPT® Codes Only: 2010 - All Codes **NEW**

Professional Fees:  2010  2009  2008 **NEW**

Medicaid or Workers Compensation Reimbursement  Medicaid  Medicare