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**FROM:** CareFirst of Maryland Medicare A  
**SUBJECT:** Implementation of 2005 Fee Schedule Amounts for Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment and Male External Catheters  
**TO:** All Providers

**Fee Schedule Amounts for Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment**

In a joint signature memorandum (JSM-05152) dated December 20, 2004, DMERCs and RHHIs were instructed to hold claims for the stationary and portable oxygen HCPCS codes listed below pending clarification of pricing issues:

- E0424 - Stationary Compressed Gaseous Oxygen System, Rental: Includes container, contents, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, nebulizer, cannula or mask, and tubing;
- E0439 - Stationary Liquid Oxygen System, Rental: Includes container, contents, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, nebulizer, cannula or mask, and tubing;
- E1390 - Oxygen Concentrator, Single delivery port, capable of delivering 85 percent or greater oxygen concentration at the prescribed flow rate delivery port, capable of delivering 85 percent or greater oxygen concentration at the prescribed flow rate;
- E1391 - Oxygen Concentrator, Dual delivery port, capable of delivering 85 percent or greater oxygen concentration at the prescribed flow rate;
- E0431 - Portable Gaseous Oxygen System, Rental: Includes portable container, regulator, flowmeter, humidifier, cannula or mask, and tubing;
- E0434 - Portable Liquid Oxygen System, Rental: Includes portable container, supply reservoir, humidifier, flowmeter, refill adaptor, contents gauge, cannula or mask, and tubing.

The pricing issues for these codes have not been resolved, and therefore, the 2005 fee schedule amounts for these codes have not yet been calculated. Until the 2005 fee schedule amounts are calculated and implemented, contractors should pay all claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2005, using the 2004 fee schedule amounts which have been loaded into the following revised 2005 Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule files now available for download:

Filename for DMERCs: MU00.@BF12393.DMEPOS.T050101.EMRG.V0113  
Filename for FIs: MU00.@BF12393.DMEPOS.T050101.EMRG.V0113.FI

Once the 2005 fee schedule amounts are calculated, new 2005 DMEPOS fee schedule files and instructions will be released as soon as possible. Claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2005, that are paid using the 2004 fee schedule amounts per this memorandum will not be retroactively adjusted after the 2005 fee schedule amounts are implemented.

**Fee Schedule Amounts for Male External Catheters (HCPCS Code A4349)**

The 2005 fee schedule amounts for code A4349 have been revised and are located in the revised 2005 DMEPOS Fee Schedule files listed above. Claims for code A4349 with dates of service on or after January 1, 2005, should be paid using the 2005 fee schedule amounts in these files. In addition, DMERCs and FIs shall adjust previously paid claims for code A4349 with dates of service on or after January 1, 2005, if these claims are resubmitted by suppliers as adjustments.

**Source: Joint Signature Memorandum 05177**

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