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IMPORTANT CHANGES From the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

Important Changes from CMS You Need to Know

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced new updated HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System) codes for intermittent catheters effective January 1, 2026. These changes impact how urological supplies are billed – particularly for catheters with hydrophilic coatings.

New HCPCS Codes

CMS has introduced new, more specific codes to distinguish hydrophilic catheters from coated or uncoated options:

New HCPCS Codes for Hydrophilic Intermittent Catheters:

- A4295** – Intermittent urinary catheter; straight tip, hydrophilic coating
- A4296** – Intermittent urinary catheter; coude (curved) tip, hydrophilic coating
- A4297** – Intermittent urinary catheter; hydrophilic coating, with insertion supplies

Updated Descriptors for Existing Catheter Codes

To align with the new codes, CMS has updated the descriptors for existing intermittent catheter codes. These now include “with or without coating” to exclude hydrophilic specific claims.

- A4351** – Intermittent urinary catheter, straight tip, with or without coating
- A4352** – Intermittent urinary catheter, coude (curved) tip, with or without coating
- A4353** – Intermittent urinary catheter, with or without coating, with insertion supplies

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