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Dear Optum360 2018 *HCPCS Level II* Customer:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) made additional changes to the 2018 HCPCS Level II code set after Optum360 HCPCS products went to press.

Instructional Notes have been updated as follows:

J7308 Use this code for Levulan Kerastick.

J7345 Use this code for Ameluz.

Included below are additional changes that can be marked in your book. Our customer service team is available should there be any questions by calling 1.800.464.3649, option 1.

Thank you for your patience and support of our ongoing effort to deliver quality products. We value you as an Optum360 customer.

Sincerely,

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**CORRECTIONS:**

CMS released the following G codes in December 2017 and January 2018:

***New codes***

G9868 Receipt and analysis of remote, asynchronous images for dermatologic and/or ophthalmologic evaluation, for use under the Next Generation ACO model, less than 10 minutes

G9869 Receipt and analysis of remote, asynchronous images for dermatologic and/or ophthalmologic evaluation, for use under the Next Generation ACO model, 10-20 minutes

G9870 Receipt and analysis of remote, asynchronous images for dermatologic and/or ophthalmologic evaluation, for use under the Next Generation ACO model, 20 or more minutes

***Changed codes***

G0279 Diagnostic digital breast tomosynthesis, unilateral or bilateral (list separately in addition to 77065 or 77066)

G9367 At least two orders for the same high-risk medication

G9368 At least two orders for the same high-risk medications not ordered

G9481 Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient for use only in the Medicare-approved CMS Innovation Center Demonstration Project, which requires these 3 key components:

- A problem focused history
- A problem focused examination
- Straightforward medical decision making, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology

Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are self-limited or minor. Typically, 10 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology

G9482 Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient for use only in the Medicare-approved CMS Innovation Center Demonstration Project, which requires these 3 key components:

- An expanded problem focused history
- An expanded problem focused examination
- Straightforward medical decision making, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology

Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of low to moderate severity. Typically, 20 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology

G9483 Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient for use only in the Medicare-approved CMS Innovation Center Demonstration Project, which requires these 3 key components:

- A detailed history
- A detailed examination
- Medical decision making of low complexity, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology

Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate severity. Typically, 30 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology

G9484 Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient for use only in the Medicare-approved CMS Innovation Center Demonstration Project, which requires these 3 key components:

- A comprehensive history
- A comprehensive examination
- Medical decision making of moderate complexity, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology

Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Typically, 45 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology

G9485 Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient for use only in the Medicare-approved CMS Innovation Center Demonstration Project, which requires these 3 key components:

- A comprehensive history
- A comprehensive examination
- Medical decision making of high complexity, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology

Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Typically, 60 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology

G9486 Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient for use only in the Medicare-approved CMS Innovation Center Demonstration Project, which requires at least 2 of the following 3 key components:

- A problem focused history
- A problem focused examination
- Straightforward medical decision making, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology.

Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are self-limited or minor. Typically, 10 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology

G9487 Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient for use only in the Medicare-approved CMS Innovation Center Demonstration Project, which requires at least 2 of the following 3 key components:

- An expanded problem focused history
- An expanded problem focused examination
- Medical decision making of low complexity, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology

Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of low to moderate severity. Typically, 15 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology

G9488 Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient for use only in the Medicare-approved CMS Innovation Center Demonstration Project, which requires at least 2 of the following 3 key components:

- A detailed history
- A detailed examination
- Medical decision making of moderate complexity, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology

Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Typically, 25 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology

G9489 Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient for use only in the Medicare-approved CMS Innovation Center Demonstration Project, which requires at least 2 of the following 3 key components:

- A comprehensive history
- A comprehensive examination
- Medical decision making of high complexity, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology

Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Typically, 40 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology

- G9490 CMS Innovation Center Models, home visit for patient assessment performed by clinical staff for an individual not considered homebound, including, but not necessarily limited to patient assessment of clinical status, safety/fall prevention, functional status/ambulation, medication reconciliation/management, compliance with orders/plan of care, performance of activities of daily living, and ensuring beneficiary connections to community and other services (for use only in the Medicare-approved CMS Innovation Center Models); may not be billed for a 30-day period covered by a transitional care management code
- G9637 Final reports with documentation of one or more dose reduction techniques (e.g., automated exposure control, adjustment of the mA and/or kVp according to patient size, use of iterative reconstruction technique)
- G9638 Final reports without documentation of one or more dose reduction techniques (e.g., automated exposure control, adjustment of the mA and/or kVp according to patient size, use of iterative reconstruction technique)

***Deleted (Retracted) codes (Issued and retracted after January 1, 2018)***

- G9890 Dilated macular exam performed, including documentation of the presence or absence of macular thickening or geographic atrophy or hemorrhage and the level of macular degeneration severity
- G9891 Documentation of medical reason(s) for not performing a dilated macular examination
- G9978 Dilated macular exam performed, including documentation of the presence or absence of macular thickening or geographic atrophy or hemorrhage and the level of macular degeneration severity
- G9979 Documentation of medical reason(s) for not performing a dilated macular examination
- G9989 Dilated macular exam performed, including documentation of the presence or absence of macular thickening or geographic atrophy or hemorrhage and the level of macular degeneration severity
- G9990 Documentation of medical reason(s) for not performing a dilated macular examination