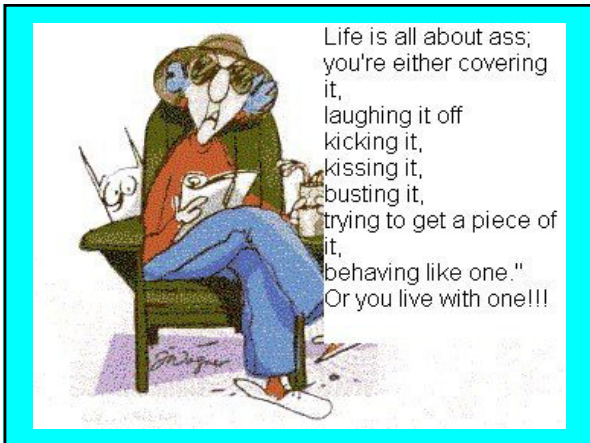


Medicare Update 2007

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Medicare Fee Schedule for 2007

- Congress and the President have passed the Bill to stop the reduction of the 2007 Medicare Part B - physician fee schedule.
- The fee schedule will be the same as 2006 However, there may be some variations in individual fees based on work value formulas. Check your fee schedule.

Medicare Deductible

- Part B - \$131 for 2007
- Part A - \$992

DMERC Medicare Fee Schedule to Increase by 4.3%

- On Jan. 1, 2007, the Medicare fee schedule for orthotic and prosthetic services will be increased by 4.3 percent. This is the first fee schedule increase for O&P since 2003.

Wound VAC Codes

- 97605 Application of wound VAC <50sq cm.
- 97606 >50 sq cm.
- These codes can be billed in addition to the 11040 wound debridement series.

Surgical Preparation

- 15000 and 15001 Deleted.
- Starting Jan 1, 2007 use 15002 for legs and 15004 for feet. 1st 100 sq. cm.
- 15002 and 15003 may be use for surgical preparation of wounds may be used in conjunction with all graft codes, except Apligraf 15340 and 15341.

Change in Destruction Code

- 17110 Use for destruction of verruca up to 14 lesions
- 17111 for 15 or more lesions.

New Foot code

- 28055 Neurectomy, intrinsic musculature of foot. Replaced deleted code 28030.

National Provider Identifier

- Transition to be in effect by May 23, 2007
 - Website: (<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>)
 - Mail: NPI Enumerator
PO Box 6059
Fargo, ND 58108-6059
1-800-465-3203
 - customerservice@npienumerator.com
- Podiatry code: 213E00000X

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First Coast ID

- Electronic Medicare claims to First Coast Service Options must contain the First Coast ID# 00590. This was effective on 10/01/06.
- Not required on paper claims, yet.
