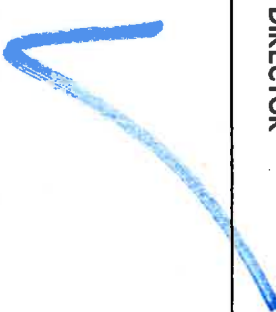


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TO: <i>Bowling</i>	DATE: <i>1-3-07</i>
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December 20, 2006

Dear Medical Director,

On October 27, 2006, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the 2007 national HCPCS coding file effective January 1, 2007. However, on December 14, 2006 CMS modified this decision and issued a new 2007 HCPCS Q code for SYNVISIC® (hy'lan G-F 20):

HCPCS Code	Product	Q1 '07 Medicare Reimbursement Rate
Q4084	SYNVISIC® (hy'lan G-F 20), inj, per dose	\$198.09

This SYNVISIC Q code replaces J7319, which originally was listed in the 2007 annual HCPCS update file. The updated Q code was posted within the Q1 2007 Medicare Average Sales Price (ASP) Payment file. Within this section you also will find text from CMS that reads as follows:

"For 2007, Medicare will recognize Q4083, Q4084, Q4085, and Q4086, for purposes of billing sodium hyaluronate injections. Payment limits for these codes are included on the first quarter 2007 ASP file. These codes replace use of J7317, J7319, J7320, and J3490 (as applicable)."

The national HCPCS file for 2007 is current to November 2006, so it does not include the new 2007 Q code for SYNVISIC; however, you may find the new 2007 HCPCS Update files by logging onto www.cms.hhs.gov, which CMS should post imminently.

If you have further questions about SYNVISIC or this policy update as you update your claims processing to account for this change, please feel free to contact your local Genzyme managed markets representative.

Sincerely,

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