

Provider Update

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CHANGE IN REIMBURSEMENT POLICY FOR HOT AND COLD PACKS

Effective **May 15, 2015**, Gateway HealthSM will no longer provide separate reimbursement for code 97010 – “Application of a modality to one or more areas; hot or cold packs¹.” This code is listed as 'Status B' in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB). Status B codes as defined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) are bundled². Payment for these services is always included in payment for other services performed on the same date. Regardless of whether submitted on a claim alone or in conjunction with another therapy code, a separate payment will never be made for the codes and the patient cannot be billed for these services.

This policy applies to all Gateway products, all network and non-network providers.

¹ 2015 CPT Professional Edition

² https://www.cgsmedicare.com/pdf/j15_feeschedules2014.pdf