COMPLIANCE UPDATE

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SUBJECT: Medicare Payment for DSMT as a Telehealth Service

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Effective January 1, 2019, individual and group Diabetes Self-Management Training (DSMT) may be paid as a Medicare telehealth service. All 10 hours of the initial training and the two (2) hours of annual follow-up training may be furnished via telehealth in those cases when injection training is not applicable. The in-person injection training, when provided, may be furnished through either individual or group DSMT services.

By reporting place of service (POS) 02 or the Modifiers –GT or –GQ (like the magazine) with HCPCS code G0108 (Diabetes outpatient self-management training services, individual, per 30 minutes) or G0109 (Diabetes outpatient self-management training services, group session (2 or more), per 30 minutes), the distant site practitioner (the practitioner at the site other than where the patient is located) attests that the patient has received or will receive 1 hour of in-person DSMT services for purposes of injection training when it is indicated during the year following the initial DSMT service or any calendar year’s 2 hours of follow-up training.

Individual and group DSMT services may be furnished by a physician, other individual, or entity that furnishes other items or services for which direct Medicare payment may be made and that submits necessary documentation to, and is accredited by a national accreditation organization approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. However, Medicare telehealth services, including individual and group DSMT services furnished as a telehealth
service, can only be furnished by a physician, Physician Assistant, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Certified Nurse Midwife, clinical psychologist, clinical social worker, registered dietitian or nutrition professional, as applicable.

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