

# Program Memorandum Intermediaries/Carriers

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Human Services (DHHS)  
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Transmittal AB-03-128

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## CHANGE REQUEST 2818

**SUBJECT:** Clarification to Transmittal AB-03-044 (CR 2611), Addition of New Temporary "K" Codes

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** Effective July 1, 2003, new "K" codes will be established for billing speech generating devices.

**B. Policy:** Effective July 1, 2003 the following codes will be added to the system:

K0615 – Speech generating device, digitized speech, using pre-recorded messages, greater than 8 minutes but less than or equal to 20 minutes recording time

K0616 - Speech generating device, digitized speech, using pre-recorded messages, greater than 20 minutes but less than or equal to 40 minutes recording time

K0617 - Speech generating device, digitized speech, using pre-recorded messages, greater than 40 minutes recording time

### II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
1.1	Code K0542 is discontinued as of July 1, 2003. K0542 must have an end date of July 1, 2003. It is being replaced by K0615, K0616, and K0617.	CWF, DMERCs, VIPS, RHHIs

### III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

**C. Interfaces:** N/A

**D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact:** N/A

**E. Dependencies:** N/A

**F. Testing Considerations:** N/A

**IV. ATTACHMENT(S):** None

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Implementation Date: January 1, 2004	Funding: These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.
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