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Information for Medicare Fee-for-Service Health Care Professionals

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## *Update of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes, File Names, Descriptions and Instructions for Retrieving the 2006 Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) HCPCS Additions, Deletions, and Master Listing*

**Note:** This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS website and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

### Provider Types Affected

ASCs providing services to Medicare beneficiaries and billing Medicare carriers or fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for those services

### Provider Action Needed

Be aware of the ASC HCPCS codes that are being added to and deleted from the ASC list, effective January 1, 2006.

### Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is updating the ASC HCPCS codes list as a result of changes in the American Medical Association (AMA) Physician's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) for 2006.

**Note:** These code changes will not be published until after the AMA's 2005 CPT-4 codes are published, which usually occurs by November 1, 2005.

### Implementation Date

The implementation date is January 3, 2006.

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### Additional Information

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your carrier/PI regarding this change. Attachment A of that instruction (CR4082) is included below and it contains the ASC list of both HCPCS deletions and additions, effective January 1, 2006.

CR4082 may be viewed by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R720CP.pdf> on the CMS website. If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare carrier/PI at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

#### Attachment A from CR4082

The following is the ASC List of Approved Procedures HCPCS Code Changes (deletions/additions) for January 1, 2006, effective for services performed on or after January 1, 2006:

#### Deletions

HCPCS CODE	Short Descriptor	ASC Payment Group	Payment Amount
15350	Skin homograft	2	446
15351	Skin homograft add on	2	446
16015	Treatment of burn(s)	2	446
21493	Treat hyoid bone fracture	3	510
21494	Treat hyoid bone fracture	4	630
31585	Treat larynx fracture	1	333
31586	Treat larynx fracture	2	446
37720	Removal leg vein	3	510
37730	Removal leg veins	3	510
42325	Create salivary cyst drain	2	446

#### Additions

HCPCS CODE	Short Descriptor	ASC Payment Group	Payment Amount
15040	Harvest cultured skin graft	2	446
15110	Epidrm autogrft trnk/arm/leg	2	446
15111	Epidrm autogrft t/a/l add-on	1	333
15115	Epidrm a-grft face/nck/hf/g	2	446
15116	Epidrm a-grft f/n/hf/g addl	1	333
15130	Derm autograft, trnk/arm/leg	2	446
15131	Derm autograft t/a/l add-on	1	333

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HCPCS CODE	Short Descriptor	ASC Payment Group	Payment Amount
15135	Derm autograft face/nck/hf/g	2	446
15136	Derm autograft, f/n/hf/g add	1	333
15150	Cult epiderm grft t/arm/leg	2	446
15151	Cult epiderm grft t/a/l addl	1	333
15152	Cult epiderm graft t/a/l +%	1	333
15155	Cult epiderm graft, f/n/hf/g	2	446
15156	Cult epidrm grft f/n/hfg add	1	333
15157	Cult epiderm grft f/n/hfg +%	1	333
15300	Apply skinallogrft, t/arm/lg	2	446
15301	Apply sknallogrft t/a/l addl	1	333
15320	Apply skin allogrft f/n/hf/g	2	446
15321	Aply sknallogrft f/n/hfg add	1	333
15330	Aply acell alogrft t/arm/leg	2	446
15331	Aply acell grft t/a/l add-on	1	333
15335	Apply acell graft, f/n/hf/g	2	446
15336	Aply acell grft f/n/hf/g add	1	333
15420	Apply skin xgraft, f/n/hf/g	2	446
15421	Apply skn xgrft f/n/hf/g add	1	333
15430	Apply acellular xenograft	2	446
15431	Apply acellular xgraft add	1	333
16025	Dress/debrid p-thick burn, m	2	446
16030	Dress/debrid p-thick burn, l	2	446
37718	Ligate/strip short leg vein	3	510
37722	Ligate/strip long leg vein	3	510
45990	Surg dx exam, anorectal	2	446

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