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Clarification on External Infusion Pump LCD- infusing Subcutaneous Immune Globulin:

The Freedom 60 Syringe Infusion Pump is the *only* allowable pump to be billed with the Subcutaneous Immune Globulin (SCIG). The code for this pump for dates of service 1/1/00 - 5/16/07 is E0780. For dates of service on or after 5/17/07 the correct code is E0779 per SADMERC. The items being billed must be supported by corresponding documentation. All other pumps or modifiers will result in a denial.

- DOS on or prior to 5/16/07 E0780NU
- DOS on or after 5/17/07 E0779RR (with correct monthly modifier KH, KI, KJ)

The codes pertaining to this pump are in different payment categories. They should be billed according to the correct payment category and corresponding modifiers:

- E0780 is an inexpensive or other routinely purchased (IRP) item therefore, the only allowable modifier is the (NU) indicating a purchase.
- E0779 is a capped rental item with the only allowable modifier (RR) indicating it is a rental. The correct monthly modifiers (KH, KI, KJ) must also be used to indicate which month the rental is for. (i.e. KH- month 1; KI- months 2 and 3; KJ- months 4 through 13)

Refer to the External Infusion Pump LCD at the TriCenturion website for additional information.

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HIGHER MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT FOR FREEDOM60 SYRINGE INFUSION PUMP

DATELINE: Chester, New York – June 1, 2007. Users of the Freedom60 infusion pump from RMS Medical Products are now entitled to receive 20 times the Medicare reimbursement previously offered. That's the substance of notification received from CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) when the Freedom60 was re-reviewed for Medicare billing. It was the determination that the Medicare HCPCS code to bill the four Durable Medical Regional Carriers (DMERCs) should be: **E0779** Ambulatory infusion pump, mechanical, reusable, for infusion 8 hours or greater. The new coding provides for a substantial increase in reimbursement for providers using an infusion pump for authorized users under Part B of Medicare. Current approved uses under Medicare include among others, subcutaneous immune globulin, antivirals, antifungals, and chemotherapeutics.

"This is very exciting news for patients and providers making our very safe and practical Freedom60 pump much more available to all patients," commented Andy Sealton, President of RMS Medical Products. "It's a new ball game especially for those new patients needing subcutaneous immune globulin who require a pump to safely administer this medication. The reference below indicates the Freedom60 as the preferred and apparently only syringe pump approved for IgG reimbursement," Sealton added.

"Subcutaneous immune globulin that is administered using a DME infusion pump is covered...Typically this involves a non-electric syringe pump (**E0779**)."
Ref: Subcutaneous immune globulin (SCIG) has been added to the External Infusion Pumps LCD. *Region A DMERC PSC Bulletin, TriCenturion, Bul20060601SCIG*, June 2006.

TURN LOST BUSINESS INTO A PROFIT CENTER! (E0779 reimbursement is 20 times the previous coding!)

**FREEDOM60 is the ONLY available syringe infusion pump
classified by Medicare under the code E0779!**

About the FREEDOM60 SYRINGE INFUSION SYSTEM

The Freedom60 will safely deliver 80% of all your infusions, including subcutaneous IgG, virtually all antibiotics, including Vancomycin, Desferal, chemo and pain! The Freedom60 pump uses a standard 60cc syringe and operates at a constant, safe pressure of 13.5psi—it will never over-pressurize a vein or damage subcutaneous tissue. The flow rate is reliably controlled by the tubing set: there is no risk of overdose or runaway. By design, the system cannot free-flow. The Freedom60 is easy to use with two simple controls and functions reliably for 4,000 cycles. It is completely portable and uses proprietary tubing sets, which control the flow rate and which are available in a wide range of different flow rates to accommodate any flow profile.

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