



New HCPCS Codes for Intermittent Catheters, Effective January 1, 2026 September 2024

Revised and New HCPCS Codes

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced its final decision to update the HCPCS codes for intermittent catheters in its August 16, 2024, final HCPCS coding decisions, effective January 1, 2026.¹ CMS is revising two of the existing HCPCS codes, creating three new HCPCS codes, and maintaining existing HCPCS code A4353. The industry had proposed additional HCPCS codes, but strongly supports CMS' decision to separate hydrophilic catheters in the HCPCS coding system.

The revised and new HCPCS codes will be:

A4351, "Intermittent urinary catheter; straight tip, with or without coating (teflon, silicone, or silicone elastomer, etc.), each"

A4352, "Intermittent urinary catheter; coude (curved) tip, with or without coating (teflon, silicone, or silicone elastomeric, etc.), each"

A4295, "Intermittent urinary catheter; straight tip, hydrophilic coating, each"

A4296, "Intermittent urinary catheter; coude (curved) tip, hydrophilic coating, each"

A4297, "Intermittent urinary catheter; hydrophilic coating, with insertion supplies"

In contrast, the Current HCPCS codes read:

A4351, "Intermittent urinary catheter; straight tip, with or without coating (teflon, silicone, silicone elastomer, or hydrophilic, etc.), each"

A4352, "Intermittent urinary catheter; coude (curved) tip, with or without coating (teflon, silicone, silicone elastomeric, or hydrophilic, etc.), each"

A4353, "Intermittent urinary catheter, with insertion supplies"

¹ CMS [August 16, 2024 Final HCPCS Decisions](#).

Payment for Revised and New HCPCS Codes

Medicare regulations require that CMS maintain the same payment amounts when it creates a new HCPCS codes and the item was previously included in an existing HCPCS code.² Therefore, payment amounts for the revised and new HCPCS codes will be as follows:

Existing HCPCS Code Prior to 1/1/26	Effective Starting 1/1/26	New HCPCS Code Payment
A4351	A4351 (revised)	Same as payment for current A4351
A4352	A4352 (revised)	Same as payment for current A4352
A4353	A4353 (no changes)	Same as current payment for A4353
	A4295 (new)	Same as existing payment for A4351
	A4296 (new)	Same as existing payment for A4352
	A4297 (new)	Same as existing payment for A4353

Next Steps

- **DME MACs:** AAHomecare expects the DME MACs to update the local coverage determination (LCD, L33803), Policy Article (PA, A52521) and other publications with new HCPCS codes, prior to the January 1, 2026 effective date.
- **PDAC:** Currently, PDAC code verification is not mandatory for intermittent catheters, but manufacturers and suppliers rely upon the PDAC's product classification list to identify the appropriate HCPCS code for these items. AAHomecare's Intermittent Catheter Coding Reform Coalition (ICCRC), comprised of the leading manufacturers of intermittent catheters, is working to facilitate PDAC code verification as expeditiously as possible.
- AAHomecare's ICCRC is working with CMS and the PDAC to ease the transition to the new HCPCS codes. AAHomecare's payer relations team is also working to educate state Medicaid programs and commercial payers about the new HCPCS codes, to aid the transition.

² 42 C.F.R. §414.236.