

Subject Line: NEW Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code for Taxotere® (docetaxel) Injection Concentrate (J9171)

In its annual update to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for 2010, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has assigned a new HCPCS billing code and unit to Taxotere® **for dates of service on or after January 1, 2010.**

This change applies to all payers. Medicare contractors will be required to accept this new code on January 1, 2010; other payers, including private payers and Medicaid programs, may update their systems on an alternate schedule.

J9171 (docetaxel, injection, per 1 mg) should replace J9170 (docetaxel, injection, per 20 mg). The retired J9170 code and 20-mg billing unit should not be used on or after January 1, 2010.

In response to this upcoming coding change, we kindly request that your organization upload J9171 into your claims processing systems for dates of service on or after January 1, 2010. We also request that you work with the provider community where appropriate to notify and assist with this transaction in order to ensure a smooth transition.

We hope this information is helpful in determining the appropriate changes to your contractor's systems to support claims processing for Taxotere®. Please share this information with the appropriate personnel to assist in processing of claims and proper levels of payment for Taxotere®.

If you have any questions regarding this new J-Code for Taxotere® or other questions regarding reimbursement for Taxotere® or other sanofi-aventis products, please feel free to contact your sanofi-aventis Reimbursement Manager (RM) or the PACT+® Program at 1-800-996-6626 or www.pactplusonline.com.

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