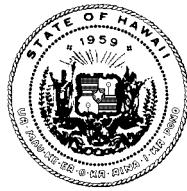


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MEMORANDUM

ACS M03-18

TO: Vision Providers

FROM: Aileen Hiramatsu, Med-QUEST Division Administrator */s/ ah*

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO BILLING LOCAL CODES

The Med-QUEST Division (MQD) will be converting all current local codes to national standard codes as of October 16, 2003.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that local codes be replaced by national HCFA Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) codes. The Hawaii Medicaid Program has crossed-walked local codes to national 2003 HCPCS codes. The following table lists the local codes that require authorization and the national codes to which they have been crossed-walked.

Current Code	Replacement National Code	Description
Z9415	V2799 U1	Nose Pads
Z9416	V2799 U2	Eye glass case

For services performed on or after October 16, 2003, please use the national codes instead of the local codes. For services performed before October 16, 2003, please use the existing local codes, regardless of the date the claim is submitted to Med-QUEST for payment.

If you are unable to submit claims using the HIPAA compliant codes, please contact ACS at 952-5570.