



To the Point: **New Urological Supply Codes for Hydrophilic Catheters**

Slide 1: *To the Point* is presented by the Provider Outreach and Education Department at CGS.

Slide 2: The Provider Outreach and Education department creates these brief recordings on hot topics or upcoming events. The purpose is to provide suppliers with quick information on identified topics, how they affect you and any action(s) needed on your part. These recordings are less than 10 minutes and will contain resources for additional information when applicable. This segment of *To the Point* is about the **New Urological Supply Codes for Hydrophilic Catheters**.

Slide 3: Effective for the dates of service on or after January 1, 2026, CMS has created 3 new HCPCS codes for hydrophilic catheters seen here.

- 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

Slide 4: Before the creation of the new HCPCS codes, hydrophilic catheters were coded with HCPCS codes:

- 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

When billing hydrophilic catheters for dates of service on or after January 1, 2026, suppliers must stop using billing codes A4351, A4352, and A4353 and use the new HCPCS codes A4295, A4296, and A4297.

Slide 5: CGS received questions from the stakeholder community about standard written orders (SWOs) for Medicare beneficiaries who use hydrophilic catheters coded as A4351, A4352, or A4353 for dates of service before January 1, 2026. The first question asked:

Will we need to get a new SWO if the current order specifically lists HCPCS codes A4351, A4352, or A4353?

The answer is yes. A new SWO is required for dates of service on or after January 1, 2026, based on the New Order Requirements in the Standard Documentation Requirements for All Claims Submitted to DME MACs Policy Article (A55426). The new order can list the new HCPCS code A4295, A4296, or A4297, as appropriate, a general description (e.g., hydrophilic catheter), or a brand name/model number.



Slide 6: The second question asked:

If the existing SWO lists a general description (e.g. “hydrophilic catheter”), do we need a new SWO?

The answer is no. Since the current SWO verbiage is descriptive of the new hydrophilic catheter HCPCS code(s), no new order is required. For claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2026, you must bill the new HCPCS codes A4295, A4296, and A4297.

Slide 7: Here are the resources for today’s edition of *To the Point*. Links to:

- Joint DME MAC Publication – Documentation Requirements for New Urological Supplies Codes
JB: <https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jb/pubs/news/2025/07/cope181960.html>
JC: <https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jc/pubs/news/2025/07/cope181960.html>
- Standard Documentation Requirements for All Claims Submitted to the DME MACs:
<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleId=55426>
- Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding (PDAC)- For help with coding:
<https://www.dmepdac.com/>

Slide 8: Thank you for viewing this session of *To the Point* on **New Urological Supply Codes for Hydrophilic Catheters**. We hope you will join us again for other educational offering by the Provider Outreach and Education Department here at CGS.