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Annual Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee Update 2012

Provider Types Affected

This article is for physicians and other providers billing Medicare Carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), or Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs) for services related to the administration of clotting factors to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

Change Request (CR) 7543, from which this article is taken, announces that for Calendar Year 2012, the clotting factor furnishing fee of \$0.181 per unit is included in the published payment limit for clotting factors and will be added to the payment for a clotting factor when no payment limit for the clotting factor is published either on the Average Sales Price (ASP) or Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) drug pricing files. Please be sure your billing staffs are aware of this fee update.

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Background

Section 1842(o)(5)(C) of the Social Security Act (added by the Medicare Modernization Act Section 303(e)(1)) requires, beginning January 1, 2005, that a clotting factor furnishing fee be paid separately if you furnish clotting factor; unless the costs associated with furnishing the clotting factor are paid through another payment system.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) includes the clotting factor furnishing fee in the published national payment limits for clotting factor billing codes. When the national payment limit for a clotting factor is not included on the Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File, or the Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) Pricing File; your carrier, FI, RHHI, or A/B MAC must make payment for the clotting factor as well as make payment for the furnishing fee.

The clotting factor furnishing fee is updated each Calendar Year based on the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for medical care for the 12-month period ending with June of the previous year. The clotting factor furnishing fees applicable for dates of service in each Calendar Year (CY) are listed below:

Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee	
CY 2005	\$0.140 per unit
CY 2006	\$0.146 per unit
CY 2007	\$0.152 per unit
CY 2008	\$0.158 per unit
CY 2009	\$0.164 per unit
CY 2010	\$0.170 per unit
CY 2011	\$0.176 per unit
CY 2012	\$0.181 per unit

For dates of service January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, the clotting factor furnishing fee of \$0.181 per unit is included in the published payment limit for clotting factors and will be added to the payment for a clotting factor when no payment limit for the clotting factor is published either on the ASP or NOC drug pricing files.

Additional Information

You can find the official instruction, CR7543, issued to your carrier, FI, RHHI, or A/B MAC by visiting <http://www.cms.gov/transmittals/downloads/R2279CP.pdf> on the CMS website. If you have any questions, please contact your carrier, FI, RHHI, or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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