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*Additional Payable Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) "C" Drug Codes in Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)*

**Key Words**

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**Provider Types Affected**

ASCs submitting claims to Medicare Carriers and/or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries

**Key Points**

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2008.
- The implementation date is January 30, 2008.
- A final list of ASC payable HCPCS codes for January 1, 2008, was released in the recently issued ASC final rule (CMS-1392-FC) in the Federal Register (November 27, 2007).
- However, there were four "C" codes recognized as payable in the ASC setting by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that were approved too late in the process to be included in the Federal Register's final rule issuance.
- In addition, these "C" codes were not annotated as ASC payable codes in the 2008 HCPCS file release.
- Change Request (CR) 5885 instructs that the following HCPCS "C" codes will be included on the final version ASC DRUG file released by CMS, as discussed in CR5831:

HCPCS "C" Code	Descriptor	Effective Date
C9237	Inj, lanreotide acetate	January 1, 2008
C9240	Injection, ixabepilone	January 1, 2008
C9354	Veritas collagen matrix, cm2	January 1, 2008
C9355	Neuromatrix nerve cuff, cm	January 1, 2008

- CR5885 also instructs Medicare Carriers or A/B MACs that when these HCPCS “C” codes are submitted by ASCs for payment, they will be processed and paid using the same payment and claims processing policies issued by CMS for the 2008 revision to the ASC payment system.
- Medicare Carriers or A/B MACs will make available to ASCs both:
  - A list of all HCPCS that are payable in ASCs for 2008, including the additional HCPCS codes; and
  - The wage adjusted payment rates of these HCPCS codes, for those ASCs in their jurisdiction.

## Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5885.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR5885) regarding this change may be viewed at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1415CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

The Calendar Year 2008 OPPS/ASC final rule is available at

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ASCPayment/04f\\_CMS-1392-FC\(ASC\).asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ASCPayment/04f_CMS-1392-FC(ASC).asp#TopOfPage) on the CMS website.

Providers may want to review MLN Matters article SE0742 (Revised Payment System for Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC) in Calendar Year (CY) 2008) at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0742.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have questions regarding this issue, they may contact their Medicare Carrier or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.