



Provider Inquiry Assistance

Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF) for Calendar Year (CY) 2010 – JA6631

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Contractors Affected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare Carriers • Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) • Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)
Provider Types Affected	Provider types affected are providers and suppliers of ambulance services who bill Medicare Carriers, FIs, or A/B MACs.



Change Request (CR) 6631 provides the AIF for CY 2010.

Provider Needs to Know...

- The AIF for CY 2010 is zero (0).

Background

- Section 1834(l) (3) (B) of the Social Security Act provides the basis for updating payment limits that carriers, FIs, and A/B MACs use to determine how much to pay providers for the claims that they submit for ambulance services.

- Specifically, this section of the Act provides for a 2010 payment update that is equal to the percentage increase in the urban consumer price index for the 12-month period ending with June of the previous year. The resulting percentage is referred to as the AIF.
- The following table displays the AIF for CY 2010 and for the previous 7 years.

Ambulance Inflation Factor by CY	
2010	0.0%
2009	5.0%
2008	2.7%
2007	4.3%
2006	2.5%
2005	3.3%
2004	2.1%
2003	1.1%

Operational Impact N/A

Reference Materials

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6631.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6631) issued regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1861CP.pdf> on the CMS website.