



Annual Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee Update – JA6673

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- Contractors Affected**
- Medicare Carriers
 - Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs)
 - Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)
 - Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)

Provider Types Affected The provider types affected are providers billing Medicare Carriers, FIs, A/B MACs, or RHHIs for services related to the administration of blood clotting factors to Medicare beneficiaries.



- Change Request (CR) 6673 announces that for calendar year (CY) 2010, the blood clotting factor, furnishing fee of \$0.170 per international unit (I.U.) is added to the payment limit for a blood clotting factor that is not included on the Average Sales Price or Not Otherwise Classified files.
- CR6673 also instructs Medicare contractors not to make separate payment for the clotting factor furnishing fee for J7197.

Provider Needs to Know...

- Previously, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) included the clotting factor furnishing fee in the payment limit for Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System code J7197 (Antithrombin III (human), per I.U.).
- This code does not describe a hemophilia clotting factor. Therefore, the payment limit for it should not include the clotting factor furnishing fee.
- Therefore, CR6673 provides further clarification that the payment limit for J7197 does not include the clotting factor furnishing fee.
- Medicare will not make separate payment for the clotting factor furnishing fee for J7197.

- The blood clotting furnishing factors for years 2005-2010 are displayed in the following table:

Blood Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee	
Calendar Year	Furnishing Fee
2010	\$0.170 per I.U.
2009	\$0.164 per I.U.
2008	\$0.158 per I.U.
2007	\$0.152 per I.U.
2006	\$0.146 per I.U.
2005	\$0.140 per I.U.

Background

- The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, Section 303(e)(1) added Section 1842(o)(5)(C) to the Social Security Act (the Act) which requires that beginning January 1, 2005, a furnishing fee will be paid for items and services associated with the administration of blood clotting factors.
- It further specifies that for CY 2006 (and subsequent years) this furnishing fee will be equal to the fee for the previous year, increased by the percentage increase in the consumer price index for medical care for the 12-month period ending with June of the previous year.

Operational Impact N/A

Reference Materials

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6673.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6673) issued regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1829CP.pdf> on the CMS website.