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Calendar Year 2005 Payment for Medicare Part B Radiopharmaceuticals Not Paid on a Cost or Prospective Payment Basis

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

All providers billing carriers, fiscal intermediaries (FIs), or regional home health intermediaries (RHHIs) for Medicare Part B radiopharmaceuticals

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2005.
- The implementation date is December 5, 2005.
- In accordance with section 303(c) of the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003, effective January 1, 2005, drugs and biologicals not paid on a cost or prospective basis are paid based on the Average Sales Price (ASP).
- Section 303(h) of the MMA of 2003 provided for the continuation of the payment methodology under Medicare Part B, prior to the MMA for radiopharmaceuticals, effective January 1, 2005.
- The payment allowance limits for radiopharmaceuticals are based on the payment methodology under Part B, as of November 2003.
- CR4053 supersedes instructions provided in CR3783, transmittal 528, dated April 22, 2005, which stated that Medicare carriers, FIs, and RHHIs will determine payment allowance limits for radiopharmaceuticals based on the ASP.
- The payment allowance limits for radiopharmaceuticals are not subject to the ASP.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4053.pdf>

Affected providers can view MLN Matters article MM3783, titled "MMA - July 2005 Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File, Effective July 1, 2005," at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3783.pdf> on the CMS website.

Affected providers can view the official instruction issued to carriers/FIs/RHHIs regarding this change at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R738CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If affected providers have questions, they should contact their Medicare carrier/FI/RHHI at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.