



Annual Clotting Factor Furnishing Fee Update – JA6277

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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) • Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs)
Provider Types Affected	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) 6277 announces that for calendar year (CY) 2009 the blood clotting furnishing factor of \$0.164 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 (ASP) or Not Otherwise Classified (NOC) files.

Provider Needs to Know...

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) includes the clotting factor furnishing fee in the published payment limits for blood clotting factor billing codes included on the Medicare Part B Drug ASP Pricing File or NOC Pricing File.
- Medicare contractors will make separate payment for the blood clotting factor furnishing fee when a separate payment for the blood clotting factor is allowed, and the payment limit for the blood clotting factor is not included on the Medicare Part B Drug ASP or NOC Pricing Files.

- The blood clotting furnishing factors for years 2005-2009 are displayed in the following table.

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

*When the blood clotting factor is not included on the Medicare Part B Drug ASP or NOC Pricing files

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 which requires that, beginning January 1, 2005, a furnishing fee 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/MM6277.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6277) issued regarding this change may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1653CP.pdf> on the CMS website.