



## Provider Inquiry Assistance

### Revised Payment Files for the 2010 Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System – JA7010

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<b>Contractors Affected</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medicare Carriers</li> <li>• Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)</li> </ul>
<b>Provider Types Affected</b>	ASCs submitting claims to Medicare Carriers and A/B MACs for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries



Change Request (CR) 7010 amends the payment files used to pay ASC claims to reflect retroactive provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

#### Provider Needs to Know...

- CR7010 also amends those payment files to include changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) payment amounts as a result of practice expense (PE) and malpractice relative value unit (RVU) corrections.
- This requires revised ASC fee schedule and ASC Payment Indicator files, retroactive to January 1, 2010. Medicare contractors will begin to pay claims using these new files no later than 3 weeks from the date of issuance CR7010.
- Contractors will disclose the new January 2010 ASC payment rates on their websites as soon as possible, but no later than 2 weeks from the date that the files are available for contractors to download.
- In addition, contractors will notify providers via their website that the new fees are

effective retroactive to January 1, 2010.

- Contractors will continue all routine functions, such as redeterminations, re-openings, and appeals.

### Key Changes in CR7010

#### ACA Changes to the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

- The ACA changed the calendar year (CY) 2010 market basket update to the conversion factor and wage index values for certain hospitals. Due to budget neutrality, these changes effectively change the CY 2010 OPPS payment amount for most Ambulatory Payment Classes.
- The ASC payment system uses the OPPS payment amounts in the payment methodology for “office-based” surgical procedures and ancillary radiology services.
- Further, ASC payment for device-intensive services is established by including the device portion for the OPPS payment, and this amount is based on the revised OPPS payment amount.

#### ACA Changes to the MPFS

- As discussed in CR6973, Section 3111 of the ACA changed several aspects of the MPFS. Of these changes, only changes to the non-facility PE RVUs for bone density tests are ancillary radiology services under the ASC Payment System. The ASC payment system uses the MPFS non-facility PE payment in the payment methodology for ancillary radiology services.

#### Corrections to MPFS CY 2010 Payment

- The revised payment files issued also reflect corrections and revisions to certain PE and malpractice MPFS RVUs, including the non-facility PE RVUs included in the ASC payment system, as discussed in CR6973.

#### Background

- Many ASC payment rates under the ASC payment system are established using payment rate information in the Hospital OPPS and MPFS.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is directing Medicare contractors to amend payment files to reflect retroactive changes to the CY 2010 OPPS and MPFS payment rates.

#### Operational Impact

- Contractors will not perform mass adjustments for claims affected by changes in this instruction.
- Because the ACA payment adjustments are retroactive to January 1, 2010, the Medicare contractor will adjust claims brought to their attention with dates of service on or after January 1, 2010, that were processed before the new payment files are in place.

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Reference  
Materials

The related MLN Matters® article can be found at  
<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM7010.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR7010) regarding this change may be viewed at  
<http://www.cms.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R7110TN.pdf> on the CMS website.

The MLN Matters® article related to CR6973 is available at  
<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM6973.pdf> on the CMS website.

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